

were constituted in the various provinces: Nova Scotia, 1758; New Brunswick, 1784; Prince Edward Island, 1773; Quebec and Ontario, 1792, and British Columbia, 1856.

The results of all the ordinances passed by the early governors in their legislative councils, together with the subsequent legislation after the grant of representative government, are summed up in the first revision of the laws of each of the Provinces, which took place on the following dates; Nova Scotia, 1767; New Brunswick, 1823; Prince Edward Island, 1862; Ontario, 1843; Quebec, 1845, British Columbia, 1871 and Manitoba, 1880.

A short review of all the revisions of the statutes, in each Province and in the Dominion, may present some points of historical interest.

NOVA SCOTIA.

The Province of Nova Scotia has had eight revisions in all.

First revision of 1767, made by Chief Justice Belcher, contains a revision of all the Acts passed since 1758. As the first book published in Canada was printed in 1765, no very great delay occurred before the newly-imported art was employed in the service of the law.

Second revision of 1784, made by Henry Newton, Alex. Brymer, John Cunningham, Thomas Cochran and John Geo. Pyke, also covers all the legislation between 1758 and the date of its publication.

Third revision of 1805, containing the Acts from 1758, when the Legislative Assembly was constituted, up to the year 1804, was prepared by John Uniacke, Esq., the Attorney-General of the province, and a man of much learning and eminence in Nova Scotia. Useful reference may be made to his preface in which he makes a characteristic comment on the French Revolution, which might serve as a model defence of those principles of religion and morality which form the only sound basis of law and order, and which should, as far as possible, guide the actions of governments as well as of their citizens. I quote from the first page: "It has been our misfortune to live at a period during which every art has been used to destroy the principles of true religion,