

PREFACE

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A preface is not needed to make sure the success of "Jurisprudence of Municipal Law". The mere mention of the work calls the attention of everybody. The best recommendation for this book is the eagerness with which the Bench and the Bar have at once subscribed and expressed their appreciation to the Author.

This work of compilation by Mr. Pouliot is of double interest: not only does it require on the part of the Author a methodical mind as well as a love of study that insure a perfect work, but it also shows in a young lawyer a legitimate ambition to rise to the rank he has a right to hold at the Bar. Mr. Pouliot will reach his aim in publishing a work not only useful, but we may say indispensable.

One cannot say too much in favour of these collections of judgments, culled and arranged with the greatest care, which settle the interpretation of legal formulæ, at the same time vulgarising the practical knowledge of abstract texts.

Our compilers and jurists, such as Loranger, Mathieu, de Lorimier, Lapgelier, de Bellefeuille, Doutre, Larau, de Montigny, Bédard, Beauchamp, the Dorais brothers, Chouinard, Surveyer, etc., have accomplished a difficult task and they will never be forgotten.

Beyond a doubt, their work has not the same amplitude as that of the French masters, but it is worthy of credit, as it has helped to set our judicial institutions on a practically solid basis.

Mr. Pouliot has had the happy inspiration to follow in the footsteps of these valiant predecessors, and I most cordially congratulate him. He is a hard worker who knows that labour is the key to success.

I have a little more to say concerning this municipal law, the jurisprudence of which has been compiled by Mr. Pouliot.

Municipal law ranks high in our judicial system. It is, I may say, the finishing touch and right hand of our civil law. In fact, they both secure for interested parties the fulness of their rights.

Constitutional law can well define the political status and grant, among other privileges, the electoral franchise; but, after all, it is the Municipal Code that assures the possession thereof by designating, for instance, those worthy of such privileges.