

decided case bearing on the point under consideration. But, considering the multiplicity of decisions, it is possible that some have been unintentionally omitted. Should any such be discovered by any of his professional brethren, he will only be too happy to be informed of the omission.

Several statutes, bearing on the duties and power of Municipal bodies, which have been selected from the Consolidated Statutes of Canada, the Consolidated Statutes of Upper Canada, and the Statutes of Canada since the consolidation, are published at the end of the work, preceding the Index. The Editor does not assert that he has published all statutes and parts of statutes directly or indirectly affecting Municipal bodies. Were he to do so, it would be impossible for him to keep his work within reasonable bounds. He has therefore contented himself with a selection of the principal statutes; and in order to accomplish this, has been obliged to exclude from this Edition several Acts of a local and private nature, which are contained in the former Edition of the Manual. The omission of the latter will not render the work less useful to the general body of those who will require to use it, while it has the effect of keeping the volume within a convenient and portable form.

The preparation of the Index, as well as the supervision of the work while passing through the press, was entrusted to Henry O'Brien, Esq., Barrister-at-law, a gentleman who is already favourably known to the Profession as one of the Editors of "The Upper Canada Law Journal," and "The Local Courts Gazette," and Editor of an ably annotated Edition of the Division Courts Act. The Index, which is very full, will, it is hoped, be found all that is necessary to the ready use of the work. Much labour has been bestowed upon it, and, so far as the Editor can judge, it has been carefully compiled.

Imperfections in the work, either on the part of the Editor or of his assistant, are not to be attributed to wilful neglect; but as no such work can be made perfect, the Editor must ask forbearance. Much labour has been expended on it, and it is hoped that it will not only lighten the labour of members of the Legal Profession, but have the effect of expounding and making known the Municipal and Assessment law to the many, not members of the Profession, whose duty it is to give effect to the law, and work under it.