

The Commission then proceeds to define substantially in the language following, what is required to be done by the Commissioner, that is to say:—

1. "He is to complete the Schedules already prepared as above mentioned.
2. "To examine the Statutes passed by the Parliament of Canada since the 1st of July, 1867.
3. "To collect therefrom all those enactments which are still in force.
4. To note the enactments of the old Provincial Statutes which have been repealed or altered.
5. "To classify all unrepealed enactments according to subjects, care being taken to distinguish those applying to the whole Dominion from those applying to one or more of the Provinces only.
6. "And generally to make such examinations, classifications and collections of the said Statutes as may be necessary and preliminary to the proper revision and consolidation thereof, and in accordance with such instructions as may be given from time to time in that behalf by the Honorable the Minister of Justice of Canada."

The schedules referred to as having been prepared before the issue of the Commission were nine in number, eight of them containing lists of the Public General Statutes of each of the Provinces passed before the dates of their respectively entering Confederation, except as regards the Provinces where consolidation of the Provincial Statutes had taken place, in which cases the consolidated enactments and the Statutes passed subsequent to such consolidation only are set forth in the schedules, and the ninth schedule containing a list of all the Public General Statutes of the Dominion of Canada, from the 1st of July, 1867, down to and inclusive of the Parliamentary Session of 1877.

The lists of the Statutes of the several Provinces are contained in the first eight schedules as follows:—

1. The Consolidated Statutes of Canada.
2. The Consolidated Statutes of Upper Canada.
3. The Consolidated Statutes of Lower Canada.
4. The Statutes of the Province of Canada.
5. The Revised Statutes of Nova Scotia (3rd

edition), and subsequent Statutes of that Province down to the 1st July, 1867.

6. The Revised Statutes of New Brunswick, of the year 1854, and subsequent Statutes of that Province down to the 1st of July, 1867.

7. The Revised Statutes of British Columbia of 1871, when that Province entered Confederation.

8. The Statutes of the Province of Prince Edward Island, down to the year 1873, when that Province entered Confederation.

The report proceeds to state:

"In each Province of the Dominion except one, there had been at least one general consolidation of the Provincial Statutes prior to such Province becoming a portion of the Dominion, but in the Province of Prince Edward Island there never appears to have been any such consolidation, although the Statutes of that Province have at different times prior to the entry thereof into Confederation, been revised, collected, classified and reprinted.

"The first eight schedules already mentioned, in addition to containing lists of the consolidated and subsequent Provincial Statutes passed prior to the confederation of the Provinces, respectively, purported to show which of these Statutes were of a purely Provincial character, and which of them related wholly or partially to subjects now within the jurisdiction of the Parliament of Canada, and also which of them had been repealed, superseded or amended either by subsequent enactments of the same Provinces passed prior to Confederation or by Legislation of the Parliament of Canada in any Session thereof between the 1st of July, 1867, and the 1st of July, 1877.

"In order to carry out the requirements of the Commission the first work devolving upon the Commissioner was the completion of the schedule already mentioned as the ninth, containing a list of all the Public General Statutes of Canada down to and inclusive of the last Session of Parliament, which he accordingly completed.

"The Commissioner, as the second branch of the work required under said Commission to be done, then examined the Statutes set forth in the last-mentioned schedule so completed and prepared as the result of such examination, a new schedule indicating in the proper columns thereof (in addition to its being a list of all the Statutes passed in each year between 1867 and 1882 inclusive,)

1. Those which were of a public general character.

"2. Those which had been repealed and the Statutes by which they had been repealed.

"3. Those which had become effete.

"4. Those which had been passed for only a temporary purpose.