

so many pitfalls for the inexperienced draftsman, that they may safely be and are usually trusted only to persons who have devoted years of study to the profession of law, it has not been deemed useful to attempt to deal with the law governing such documents or to set any forms or precedents to follow in the making of them. Indeed, it is felt that a form or precedent for that kind of document which must of necessity be varied in its most important particulars in every single instance in which it is brought into use, can be of little service to anyone, and may prove to be a weapon which, in the hands of the uninitiate, becomes turned upon and does violence to its own user.

The office of notary public in the Province of Quebec, because of the retention of the French law in that Province, differs widely in its nature from all of the other parts of the Dominion, and the business of notaries is there a distinct profession. The laws and customs which govern the office in that Province are therefore not included in this work.