

PREFACE.

More than eight years have elapsed since the last edition of this work, and in the intervening period there has been a very considerable accumulation of case and statute law which had to be incorporated in the present edition, and more than one-third of the text is new matter. The whole book has been carefully revised, the arrangement somewhat changed, the cases condensed as much as possible, and the statutes in many cases referred to instead of being set out in full, while the division into sub-heads greatly facilitates reference, besides rendering the text clearer and more concise.

In view of the great changes in the law since the third edition, no apology is needed for the appearance of the fourth. It deals with the appointment, qualification, rights, powers and duties of justices of the peace, police and stipendiary magistrates, the subjects of interest or bias, claim of right, protection from vexatious actions, mandamus, prohibition, *certiorari* and *habeas corpus*. There is also a general sketch of the procedure before Justices, a full discussion of the law of evidence and a summary of all offences of which Justices may be called upon to take cognizance, whether under the statute or by virtue of the common law, including very comprehensive annotations of the Canada Temperance Act and Liquor License Act. The various offences are grouped in alphabetical order; many authorities are given and all the statutes referred to and amendments shown up