

Reviews by the Press.

(From "The Montreal Herald.")

"PATRICK'S CANADIAN ELECTION PRECEDENTS.—We have been favoured by Mr. PATRICK with a copy of this work, which that gentleman has compiled very carefully from the Records of the Parliament of Upper Canada and United Canada; it contains the points raised, and the decisions arrived at, in all cases of Contested Elections, from 1824 to 1849. This forms a mass of Parliamentary Law, such as must be most useful to all persons, who, either as Candidates or the Agents of Candidates, are interested in knowing what are the rights of voters—the duties of Returning Officers, &c."

(From "The Pilot"—Montreal.)

We have been favoured with a copy of a Parliamentary work, just published by Mr. ALFRED PATRICK, Clerk of Committees, Legislative Assembly, entitled, "Digest of Precedents or Decisions by Select Committees appointed to try the merits of Upper Canada Contested Elections, from 1824 to 1849,"—dedicated to The Honourable Robert Baldwin, Attorney General for Upper Canada. From an examination of this work we have no hesitation in recommending it as a highly valuable compilation—necessary, indeed, to be introduced into the Library of every man engaged in public life, or to whom Parliamentary Law and Parliamentary Practice are matters of study. Mr. PATRICK, from his position, has had the advantage of deriving the materials of his work from the most undeniable source, and he has arranged them in a most lucid manner. The intrinsic value of the work is greatly enhanced by the circumstance of the papers from which it was compiled having since been destroyed by the fire which consumed the Parliamentary Buildings. The pages of the work we are now noticing, present the only complete record of the proceedings and past decisions of Committees on Upper Canada Contested Elections. We observe with pleasure that the Legislative Assembly, properly appreciating the value of the labours of Mr. PATRICK, have voted him an aid of *One Hundred Pounds*."

(From "The Globe"—Toronto.)

We have received a copy of a most useful and valuable work, which has lately issued from the press of Messrs. Lovell & Gibson, of Montreal, in the form of an octavo volume, entitled, "Digest of Precedents or Decisions by Select Committees appointed to try the merits of Upper Canada Contested Elections, from 1824 to 1849." It has been skillfully compiled by Mr. ALFRED PATRICK, First Clerk of Committees of the Legislative Assembly, and will form a most valuable book of reference for all who may hereafter be engaged in Controverted Elections. This little volume will doubtless find a place in the Library of every politician.

(From "The British Colonist"—Toronto.)

PATRICK'S CANADIAN ELECTION PRECEDENTS.—A "Digest of Precedents or Decisions by Select Committees appointed to try the merits of Upper Canada Contested Elections, from 1824 to 1849," compiled by ALFRED PATRICK, Esquire, Clerk of Committees of the House of Assembly, and dedicated to the Honourable Robert Baldwin—was published last Session. It is a valuable book of reference to the lawyer and politician, the value of which is much enhanced by the recent loss of the Library of the Legislature.

(From "The Hamilton Spectator.")

CANADIAN ELECTION PRECEDENTS.—We are under obligations to ALFRED PATRICK, Esquire, Clerk to Committees of the Legislative Assembly, for a neatly got up and very valuable work for reference; being a "Digest of Precedents or Decisions of Select Committees on Contested Election Cases in Upper Canada, from 1824 to 1849." This work must have cost the author a great deal of patient labour and research, and as the original papers from which it was compiled have all been destroyed, its value to Committees and public men can scarcely be estimated. The Standing Committee of the House of Assembly on the Library pay the author a deserved compliment in their Report, which we cannot do better than insert, in preference to further remarks of our own:—

Extract from a Report of the STANDING COMMITTEE of the Legislative Assembly on the LIBRARY—HON. A. N. MORIN, Speaker, Chairman:

The attention of YOUR COMMITTEE has also been directed to a work, entitled, "DIGEST OF PRECEDENTS OR DECISIONS by Select Committees appointed to try the merits of Upper Canada Contested Elections, from 1824 to 1849," which has been skillfully compiled by Mr. ALFRED PATRICK, an Officer of Your Honourable House, from original documents and other sources, for the guidance and information of parties who may be hereafter concerned in Controverted Elections before Committees under the "Greenville Act" of Upper Canada. The usefulness of this volume as a work of reference, which, under any circumstances, must have been considerable, has been much enhanced by the total loss of the original papers from which it was compiled—and though it does not pretend to the character of an official publication, yet its pages now present the only record in existence of the past proceedings and decisions of Committees on Upper Canada Elections; and it is, therefore, in the opinion of Your Committee, deserving of the encouragement of Your Honourable House. They accordingly recommend that the sum of ONE HUNDRED POUNDS be granted to Mr. PATRICK, in aid of his meritorious publication, on condition of his depositing fifty bound copies of the same in the Library.