

P R E F A C E .

This volume (which provides references to all proceedings of the Legislative Assembly of Canada in the 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th Parliaments of Canada) is the *third* of a series embracing within its scope the Journals of the House of Assembly of Upper Canada, from the time when they were first printed (1825) to the Union of Upper and Lower Canada,—and those of the Legislative Assembly of United Canada, up to the time of the Confederation of the British North American Provinces.

The plan of the work is (with some modifications) based upon that of the General Indices to the Commons' Journals. All documents laid before the House (except Reports of Committees) will be found under "*Accounts and Papers*;" "*Addresses*" will be found under that head; and "*Committees*" are also arranged under a separate head; while all other entries are arranged and classified according to their respective subjects,—as "*Bridges*," "*Harbours*," "*Justice, Administration of*," "*Navigations*," "*Railways*," "*Roads*," "*Territorial Divisions*," &c., thus bringing the whole Legislation of the period upon a particular class of subjects under one view; at the same time, by a system of cross-references, every entry under these various sub-heads may be found at once by referring, alphabetically, in the body of the Index, to the subject to which it relates.

With a view to render as complete as possible the list of documents laid before Parliament, included under "*Accounts and Papers*," an examination was made of all the documents printed in the Appendix or Sessional Papers, and many Reports, Tables, or other Papers were found appended to them of special interest and importance, of which (as they had not been laid before the House separately) there was no mention in the Journals; these have been classified with the rest, in the Index, and reference made to them, severally, in their proper place. In some instances, also, the Statutes have been examined, for the purpose of rendering the information given with regard to a particular Bill more complete and satisfactory.

The work has been prepared under the direction of the Honorable the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, in pursuance of a recommendation contained in the 1st Report of the Joint Committee on the Library of Parliament, presented on 1st September, 1865, and concurred in by the House.

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