

## PREFACE.

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The volume whose pages follow has been written principally for the use of notaries public in Canada who are not at the same time barristers or attorneys and cannot therefore be assumed to be well informed on any of the branches of law which give rise to the various notarial functions.

It has been attempted throughout, when dealing with the duties that are imposed upon notaries, not only to define the specific acts which are to be done by the notary, but also in some measure to present to him a comprehensive idea of the statute or principle of law under which comes the need and authority for his act. And since some of the more difficult tasks which occasionally fall to the office of notary public, such as the preparing of agreements, charter parties and powers of attorney, are so intricate and technical in their nature, and conceal