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In addition to the usual LIST OF EXPIRING LAWS, which has dwindled down almost to nothing, though still necessary and requiring attention in its preparation, I have revised and continued to the end of the now last Session of Parliament, the CLASSIFIED TABLE OF THE PUBLIC GENERAL STATUTES OF CANADA, wholly or partly in force, with notice of those repealed or expired or effete by the accomplishment of their purpose, which I submitted in the year 1873, and which I believe has been, and, as so continued, will be, found very useful to members and others, who may want to ascertain *all* the Dominion Statutes on any subject or class of subjects. In the classification and order of subjects I have followed that adopted by the Commissioners (of whom I had the honor to be one,) for the Consolidated Statutes of the late Province of Canada, as nearly as the case admitted, and the Acts are classed under the headings to which they *mainly*, though not always *exclusively*, relate.

This Table, corrected for the Acts of the present Session, and supplemented by a Chronological Table of all the Statutes of Canada, public or private, showing the Acts by which any of them are amended or repealed, or otherwise affected, like that I prepared for the Statutes of Upper and Lower Canada previously to the consolidation of 1859; with an Alphabetical Index to all the Dominion Statutes, public and private, which I have had prepared in my office, would, I believe, be found very useful until the completion of the contemplated consolidation, which must necessarily be a work of time, and of which they, or some similar work, would in fact form the basis.

It will be for the House of which I am an officer, to decide whether it is too late to print them for use during the present Session, but I think the *Index*, at least, (taking in the Acts of the present Session), might be advantageously printed and distributed during the recess.

I have also in my office the first draft of an Alphabetical Index to the Orders in Council since Confederation.

It would be desirable that a Classified Table of the Private Acts should be prepared and printed with the Index. They are now very numerous, and in many cases complicated by amendments, more particularly the Special Acts respecting different railways, as for instance, the Grand Trunk, the Great Western, the Northern, &c., &c.

Some portions of the Consolidated Statutes and subsequent Acts of the late Province of Canada, and also of the Acts of the Province of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, British Columbia, and Prince Edward Island, on matters within the scope of the powers of the Dominion Parliament, are still in force. But these have been, or will be dealt with by the consolidators in the several Provinces, or will be gradually absorbed in or repealed by Statutes of the Dominion, and any attempt to include them in the Table now submitted, would only have led to complication and confusion.

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