

## PREFACE.

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The first Edition of this work was published in 1862, in the 1st Session of the 7th Provincial Parliament of Canada. It contained suggestions for certain changes in practice, upon which the Legislative Assembly took action in the same Session, and made such alterations in their Rules as were deemed advisable. A new Edition, embracing these changes, was, by desire of the House, prepared and published after the close of the Session.

In the first Session of the Parliament of the Dominion, the system of Private Bill Practice that had obtained in the Provincial Legislature was adopted, with some important modifications suggested by the Hon. C. Dunkin, a Member of the House of Commons (to whom the present Edition of this work is inscribed); and a new Edition was prepared for the use of Parliament.

Upon the meeting of the Legislature of the Province of Quebec, a series of Rules in relation to Private Bills was adopted (at the instance of the same gentleman), that was substantially the same as those of the Canadian Parliament; and the Edition of this work now issued was prepared under the authority of the Legislative Assembly, for the use of the Legislature of Quebec. It is based on the latest Canadian Edition, and contains notes directing attention to the few matters of detail in which the practice of the two Legislatures differs.

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