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ment,—and dividing and transposing clauses whenever it appeared necessary to clearness of expression.”

The same rule has also been followed with regard to the nature of the Acts consolidated; and Acts applying only to one locality or being of a private nature, have been generally omitted. Had time permitted, I should have been strongly inclined to make an exception in favour of the Acts relating to the Trinity House of Quebec and that of Montreal, respectively, inasmuch as they regulate very important interests and affect a very extensive class of the community. It is much to be regretted that one law should not govern both corporations on the main points. This could not be effected without Legislation, but the Acts respecting each might yet be consolidated and incorporated in the volume with the sanction of your Excellency and of the Legislature.

The remarks made in the report above referred to respecting Private and Local Acts, apply as well to those in force in Lower Canada only, as to those applying to the whole Province; there are many that are of the highest importance to the public, but their mass is very great and the expense of revising and publishing would be very considerable.

In addition to my share of the original work, the final revision, arrangement, printing, noting, indexing and editing of the Consolidated Statutes in their present shape, including the incorporation therewith of the Legislation of the last Session—and (in a great portion of the work) of the last two Sessions,—has, by your Excellency’s command, devolved upon me, and I have spared no pains or labour to perform my task faithfully; but the time within which it was necessary the work should be completed was short,—the removal of the Government from Toronto to Quebec followed very close indeed upon the completion of the Consolidated Statutes of Canada,—and since that removal I have had to print in one language or the other, upwards of a thousand pages, and to revise and correct the whole, so that if imperfections which greater leisure would have enabled me to remove, exist in the work in either language, I trust that I may reasonably hope indulgence for them. The volume will, I trust, be strictly examined by the Law Officers and by the Members of the Committee to whom it will be referred and of the Legislature generally; and indeed it is only by the aid of a large number of persons, each examining those subjects with which he is so familiar, that we can hope to eradicate the last inaccuracies, more especially in matters as to which local or technical knowledge