

each section is attached a reference, showing the corresponding Act and section of the Statutes now in force.

When material changes have been found necessary, a note in smaller type has been inserted, showing the nature of the change, or the new matter is printed in italics.

Ottawa, 31st December, 1884.

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*To the Honorable the Minister of Justice of Canada :*

SIR,—Pursuant to the instructions which we received from you, we have incorporated with the draft submitted by the Commissioners appointed to consolidate and revise the Statutes of Canada, such of the Acts passed during the last Session of Parliament as appeared to be proper subjects for consolidation therewith, and also the amendments suggested in the report of the Joint Committee of the Senate and House of Commons appointed last session to consider that draft. In the execution of this work we have adhered closely to the system and rules adopted by the Commissioners in the performance of the duties assigned to them.

We have also carefully revised and made the additions to the Schedules to the Report rendered necessary by the legislation of last Session, and we have completed the chronological and analytical table, showing in what manner each Act of Canada and of each of the Provinces which relate to matters within the control of Parliament have been dealt with by the Commissioners and by ourselves.

We have also in course of preparation for publication, according to your instructions, a collection of all the statute law of a public general nature, relating to subjects within the legislative authority of the Parliament of Canada, now in force, but which in the opinion of the Commissioners could be more conveniently dealt with in this way than by consolidation.

OTTAWA, 31st December, 1885.

- WILLIAM WILSON,
- A. POWER,
- ALEXANDER FERGUSON,
- J. G. AYLWIN CREIGHTON.