

PREFACE TO THE SECOND EDITION.

Nine years have elapsed since the publication of the First Edition of this work. During that period the First Edition, which was a very large one, has been exhausted, and during the same period many alterations have been made in the Municipal and Assessment laws of Upper Canada, and many cases decided on the construction of the Acts. Besides, the Municipal and Assessment Acts, as from time to time altered, were, during last Session of Parliament, amended and consolidated.

Some of the alterations and amendments are undoubtedly for good. The office of Councilman for Cities has been abolished, and the number of Aldermen for each Ward increased from two to three, and these, instead of being yearly elected as heretofore, will retire from office annually by rotation. There are two Councillors allowed for each Ward of an Incorporated Village having five Wards, one of whom also retires annually in rotation. Mayors of Cities are no longer chosen by the electors, but by members of the Council from among themselves. On the other hand, Reeves and Deputy Reeves are no longer chosen by Councillors from among themselves, but elected by the people. There may be several Deputy Reeves, in proportion to the number of voters, there being an additional Deputy Reeve allowed for every five hundred additional voters beyond the number required for Reeve and Deputy Reeve. The property qualification of candidates and voters in Cities, Towns, and Villages, has been greatly increased. Candidates or voters who have not paid their taxes are disqualified. Provision is made for nomination to offices in Cities, Towns, Incorporated Villages, Police Villages, and Townships. Only one day is allowed for polling votes, and in Towns and Cities voters may vote in each Ward in which they are rated for the necessary property qualification. Annual value, in Cities,