

Superior Court, at Montreal, and the Honorable Augustin Norbert Morin, one of the Judges of the same Court, at Quebec, were appointed Commissioners.

On the 10th of the same month, Joseph Ubalde Baudry, Esq., an advocate of twenty-one years' standing, then Clerk of the Court of Appeals, and Thomas Kennedy Ramsay, Esq., an advocate of over six years' standing at the Montreal Bar, were appointed Secretaries to the Commission.

On the 19th November, 1862, the present writer, who was then an advocate of over twelve years' standing, and practising in Montreal, was appointed to replace Mr. Ramsay, whose connection with the Commission had ceased a short time previously, in consequence of a quarrel between him and the Ministry of the day, which had originated in political causes.

On the 7th August, 1865, Mr. Baudry was appointed to the Commissionership rendered vacant by the lamented death of the Honorable A. N. Morin; and Mr. Baudry's place as Secretary was filled by the appointment of the Honorable Louis Siméon Morin, formerly Solicitor-General for Lower Canada, and then an advocate of over twelve years' standing at Montreal.

Some time elapsed before the Commission was fairly organized, and a few months were taken up in making preliminary preparations for the work; such as the elimination of whatever customary or statutory provisions of law had ceased to be in force,—the analysis of the jurisprudence of our courts as established by reported decisions,—and the procuring, in addition to the library at the disposal of the Commissioners, of many works needed for their labors.

The Commissioners presented in all eight Reports on the Civil Code.

The 1st Report, dated 12th October, 1861, contained the draft of the title *Of Obligations*, which, because of its importance, as being the basis of the greater portion of the whole Code, it had been decided to commence with. For the same reason, this title was, even more than any of the others, the subject of long and careful examination and discussion.