

while in By-laws 255, 288, 318, 392 and 395, will be found a history of the construction of the Toronto Esplanade, and in By-laws 544, 569, 626 and 705 some information as to the Water Works now under construction.

In connection with the Debenture Debt, By-laws 282, 317, 345, 363, 405, 428, 444, 459, 493, 509, 521, 565, 584, 632, 665, and 710 may also be looked at, as they furnish an "annual register" of its increase, and refer to the legislation from time to time obtained for its consolidation. (See 16 Vict. cap. 5; 22 Vict. cap. 71; 24 Vict. cap. 54; 35 Vict. cap. 76, Ont.)

In view of the consideration that a re-consolidation of the By-laws at short intervals will be desirable, and will probably be made, it may be well to call attention to the fact that a number of them have no longer the force of active law, but serve rather as records of the authority under which streets were opened, lands sold, leases made and renewed, and other contracts executed or duties performed, with the authority of the Council.

Examples of such By-laws are Nos. 28, 39, 41, 42, 43, 45, 49, 51, 54, 71, 79, 100, 128, 138, 144, 158, 161, 266, 299, 324, 368, 392, 430, 523, 559, 657, 663, 664, 681, 712. They are valuable now, not as authorities for anything to be done in the future, but as evidence of the validity of what has been done in the past; and being incapable of amendment, it is suggested that instead of reprinting them in each successive Consolidation, they might hereafter be printed in a separate volume, leaving to be consolidated only those By-laws which are, to use the language of the Committee of 1866-70, "of more general utility and practical application," and which will probably be amended from time to time as may be required by the progress of the City.

It remains only to acknowledge the valuable services of Mr. HENRY J. HILL, the Secretary of the Committee which has had charge of the present Consolidation, and to whom, with the approval of the Council, has been entrusted, under the superintendence of Mr. C. R. W. BIGGAR, the clerical work,