

## EXPLANATORY NOTES.

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This Index is intended to cover :

(a.) All the Acts of the Parliament of the Dominion of Canada, repealed and unrepealed, public and private, together with the "Revised Statutes of Canada," (R. S. C.).

(b.) All Acts and parts of Acts, of the several Legislatures of the Provinces now constituting the Dominion, contained in the volume known as the "Unrepealed Statutes of Canada" (U. S. C.), published contemporaneously with the Revised Statutes of Canada.

(c.) All the Imperial Statutes, Treaties, Orders in Council, Correspondence and Instructions, published from time to time with the Annual Statutes of Canada ; together with those published in the volume known as the Orders in Council of 1874 (O. C. 74).

Previously to 1875 all the Dominion Statutes of each year were included and bound in *one* volume, the pages of which were numbered consecutively from beginning to end. Subsequently to, and inclusive of the year 1875 the Statutes of each year have been arranged and published in *two* parts or volumes, the former containing the Acts of a public or general, the latter those of a local or private character ; each part or volume being pagged separately.

This work will therefore embrace the material scattered over fifty-eight volumes or parts of volumes, and heretofore discoverable only through the aid of fifty-eight Indexes. This number can be easily verified by the process of simple addition, bearing in mind that each volume of the Annual Statutes subsequent to 1874 is divided into three parts, having three separate Indexes.

The Session of Parliament held in the 44th year of Her Majesty's reign was begun in December, 1880, but for convenience is referred to under the year 1881 exclusively ; with this exception, the year given in the second column from the right indicates the printed volume of the Statutes, &c. for that year.

The Canadian Orders in Council are not included in this work. The consolidation of these Orders published in the year 1889, by authority of the Dominion Government, is accompanied by an exhaustive Index, which obviates the necessity of going over that ground in this work.

The references enclosed within brackets signify that the subject matter indexed covers but a part of the Act or subject so enclosed.

An alphabetically arranged Index to so large a number of separate works, covering all the legislation of the Dominion Parliament from the beginning down to the present day ; together with such of the Statutes, Treaties and Orders, &c. of an Imperial nature as affect, or are of special interest to Canada, and such Provincial enactments as are still in force relating to matters within the jurisdiction of the Dominion Parliament, must be of advantage to every one concerned in the public affairs of the country. Trusting that our convictions in this regard may be well founded we submit our work to the public.

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