

## PREFACE.

The following pages contain a digest of all cases reported in Volumes XXI. to XXXIV. of the N. S. Reports, and of all other Nova Scotia cases, wherever reported, decided during the time covered by those volumes, the years 1888 to 1902 inclusive. To avoid possible confusion I have not touched upon Volume XXXV., a portion only of which was available at the time of going to press.

Case references are to the volumes of the uniform series (the first volume of which is Thomson's Reports, 1834-1851), now the ordinary mode of reference. The alternative title of each volume may be found by reference to the table inserted at page vi., as may also its date of issue, frequently a matter of importance in estimating the present standing of some decisions as authorities. As the mode of abbreviated reference to the Supreme Court of Canada Reports seems to be as yet a matter of personal preference, I have selected the letters S.C.C. from among some five or six different styles indifferently employed.

It was not possible, as the work proceeded, to note the position of Nova Scotia Statutes referred to, in the Revised Statutes 1900. This defect I have endeavoured to remedy by means of the cross reference index which stands under the title, STATUTES. This index is necessarily a selection from the large number of statutes mentioned in the pages of the Reports, but I believe it will be found to afford a key to every instance in which a statute has come up for anything like construction or special application. I would extend the same observation to the similar cross reference index standing under the title, JUDICATURE ACT AND RULES.

As mine is in effect a continuation of the admirable work of Mr. Congdon, which has long marked an epoch in the history of law reporting in this Province, I have followed, in a general way, its plan and arrangement. But as, perhaps luckily for amateurs, the making of Digests is still a very inexact science, I have frequently departed from my model, and have occasionally even ventured to introduce features which I have not observed elsewhere.

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