

The revision of the Statutes of British Columbia goes on apace. The first report of the Commissioner, Chief Justice Davie of the Supreme Court of that Province, has been presented to the Lieutenant-Governor. The commission was for the purpose of revising and consolidating a new edition of the laws of British Columbia, and of the statute law of England, so far as it is in force and applicable to that Province. It will thus be seen that a wide scope was given to the Commissioner. So far as we are able to form an opinion, the learned Chief Justice has done excellent service for his Province in the work entrusted to him; and the large volume which contains this first report, gives evidence of great labor and research. It is moreover produced, so far as its typographical appearance is concerned, in a manner not inferior to the best work of the kind even in England.

The learned Commissioner has, we notice, completely discarded the enactment of the English law by mere reference to the number and chapter of the statute of the Imperial Parliament, which has previously been the rule, and gives these English Acts in full, with necessary additions and amendments so as to make them part and parcel of the Revised Statutes. This of course will be an immense convenience to the profession in that Province. Many of the more important of the Provincial Acts have been re-drawn and re-arranged, and such changes made as seemed to be desirable. We have no doubt the Commissioner's experience and intimate knowledge of the law of the Province will have been found most helpful in this regard.

We notice that the municipal law of the Province has been in this draft revision divided into three separate Acts. The Municipalities Incorporation Act, the Municipal Election Act, and the Municipal Clauses Act. This seems strange, as seen through our Ontario spectacles; but the Commissioner's note explains that the western province has not as yet reached the stage in which it would be practicable to consolidate the entire statute law relating to municipalities into one Act, and that it would seem desirable to make this division until such time as the circumstances of the country and gradual know-