

NOTICE.

In addition to the usual LIST OF EXPIRING LAWS, which has dwindled down almost to nothing, though still necessary and requiring attention in its preparation, I have again revised and continued to the end of the now last Session of Parliament, the CLASSIFIED "TABLE OF THE PUBLIC GENERAL STATUTES OF CANADA, wholly or partly in force, with notice of those repealed or expired or effete by the accomplishment of their purpose," which I submitted in the year 1878, and which I believe has been, and, as so continued, will be, found very useful to members and others, who may want to ascertain *all* the Public Dominion Statutes on any subject or class of subjects. In the classification and order of subjects I have followed that adopted by the Commissioners (of whom I had the honor to be one,) for the Consolidated Statutes of the late Province of Canada, as nearly as the case admitted, and the Acts are classed under the headings to which they *mainly*, though not always *exclusively*, relate.

This Table, corrected for the Acts of the now last Session, and supplemented by the Alphabetical Index to all the Statutes of Canada, and an Alphabetical Index to the Dominion Orders in Council which have been printed by authority, prepared by my assistants, Messrs. F. B. Hayes and R. J. Wicksteed, and printed by order of the House, will, I believe, be found very useful until the completion of the contemplated consolidation, which must necessarily be a work of time, and of which they, or some similar work, must in fact form the basis.

To the Alphabetical Index above mentioned, a Table of the Imperial Acts, Treaties and Orders of Her Majesty in Council, &c., relating to matters of interest to Canada, and printed in the Canadian Statute Books, is subjoined; and the Index is so arranged as to include in effect a Classified Table of the Local and Private Acts. These are now very numerous, and in many cases complicated by amendments, more particularly the Special Acts respecting different railways, as for instance, the Grand Trunk, the Great Western, the Northern, &c., &c.

Some portions of the Consolidated Statutes and subsequent Acts of the late Province of Canada, and also of the Acts of the Province of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, British Columbia, and Prince Edward Island, on matters within the scope of the powers of the Dominion Parliament, are still in force. But these have been, or will be dealt with by the consolidators in the several Provinces, or will be gradually absorbed in or repealed by Statutes of the Dominion, and any attempt to include them in the Table now submitted, would only have led to complication and confusion.

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