

## PREFACE

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The Workmen's Compensation Act of this Province which came into force on the 1st January, 1910, has been in contemplation for some years.

The principle of the Act has been accepted in so many countries that its adoption here can occasion no surprise.

In its form the Act is an almost unique example of legislation modelled upon a recent French statute.

Our Act has modified in some details the French law on which it is based, and it has not adopted certain parts of it, such as those relating to procedure and to the security for payment of the compensation, but most of the articles in our statute are a close copy of those in the French enactment, and the policy of the two Acts is the same.

The French Act came into force on July 1, 1899. In the ten years since then it has been elucidated by a great number of decisions, and these decisions upon language identical, or nearly so, with that of our Act will be of the highest value as an aid to the interpretation of our own statute.

The main purpose of the present work is to give in brief compass the results arrived at by the French courts and the views expressed by the French commentators.

The English Workmen's Compensation Act stands in a different position.

It likewise gives effect to the new principle of professional risk.