

PREFACE.

This volume of the Digest will be the last of the present series. To add to the number now issued would defeat in a great measure the object of a Digest, by destroying that facility of reference which it aims to secure. Moreover the first volume is out of print, and should it fall to my lot to undertake the work again, it will be to consolidate in one the entire jurisprudence of the province. The present volume brings the reports down to the commencement of the new series carried on by Mr. Kirby and his colleagues, under the name of the *Montreal Law Reports*, and which, to my thinking, marks an important advance in the business of Law reporting in the Province. And when we take into account the valuable work supplied by *La Revue Legale*, as recently improved, and by the *Quebec Law Reports* which appear to be edited with considerable care and credit, I think the profession here is to be congratulated on what is being done in the matter of reported jurisprudence.

In this volume also, I have given a pretty thorough Digest of the public Statutes affecting this part of the country, during the years to which it refers, than which I can imagine nothing more useful to the practitioner, and which, I entertain no doubt, will be correspondingly appreciated.

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