

which he has been engaged in the Courts, qualifies him to some extent to form an opinion as to the value of our Consolidated Municipal and Assessment Acts in comparison with similar Acts in force in other countries. And he hesitates not to say that the Municipal and Assessment Acts of this Province are at present the most complete and most perfect codes of the kind of which he has any knowledge.

If the Legislature of Ontario could be induced for a few Sessions to refrain from mangling the Acts, so that their provisions would become more generally and better understood, it would be to the public advantage.

Last year the Editor indulged the hope that the book would have been in the hands of subscribers before the end of the year. This hope, owing to causes unnecessary to be detailed, but for which personally he is free from blame, has not been realized. In the meantime, the Legislature of Ontario at its last Session passed important Acts amending both the Assessment and Municipal Acts. The consequence has been that the Editor was obliged to reprint several sheets of the Manual. The amendments made last Session have been noticed, as far as possible, either in the text of the work or the notes. The amending Acts will be found at the end of the Municipal and Assessment Acts respectively. The publication of the amending Acts will afford a check upon the corrections of the Editor. Other Acts of a similar character are at the end of the volume.

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