

PREFATORY NOTE.

(To the Second Edition.)

It has been considered advisable to collect and arrange for easy reference, in one manual, all the provisions of the law, and the general regulations and instructions for the government of Common Schools in the rural School Sections of Upper Canada, for the guidance of Trustees, Local Superintendents and all others officially connected with our Common Schools. By means of notes and references, appended to the text, this manual will be found to contain a complete digest of the existing laws and regulations affecting the public schools. Sections of other Statutes affecting Common Schools have been, for greater convenience, quoted at length, and arranged in the body of the text.

The want of such a manual has been especially felt in those parts of the country where public interest has been more generally felt in the Common Schools, and where devotion to the cause of public education characterizes the efforts of the trustees. Indeed, the manner in which the whole tone and character of the public schools have been raised within the last few years has been highly gratifying. And it is to be hoped that their future prosperity will afford the strongest evidence to the Legislature, that the trustees are anxious to avail themselves, to the fullest extent, of the ample provisions of the law,