

## INTRODUCTION.

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THE following pages are intended to convey to the reader a general knowledge of the laws which govern the condition of married persons. That there exists some necessity for a work like this, however elementary it may appear to professional men, and actually is, will be generally admitted. Few of British birth are aware of the importance of a knowledge of the laws affecting marriage in this section of the Province.

It is not pretended that our system of law is faultless; on the contrary, it is admitted by all who have devoted any time to its study, that many improvements may be made.

A knowledge of the laws of Lower Canada would, it is believed, pave the way for an assimilation of the laws of both Provinces. The difficulties in the way are by no means insurmountable.

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