



PREFACE.

IT IS hoped that this book will fill a long felt want in Western Canada, and especially in British Columbia.

A few treatises on Company Law have been published in Eastern Canada, but their service to the lawyer, and especially to the business man in Western Canada is very limited. Few words are required as a preface to the present work, as much of what might have been said in a preface will be found in the first chapter. It is pointed out there that the Companies' Act of British Columbia is, to a large degree, identical with the Companies' Act in force in England. This manual has accordingly been based on a standard English work known as "A Handbook on Joint Stock Companies," published by Jordan & Sons, Limited, of London, England, and that book (with the consent of the publishers) has been drawn upon to a large extent. It has a wide circulation in England amongst business men, as well as lawyers, and the authors hope that this manual will have a similar success in Western Canada.

Every effort has been made to make this book useful to directors, secretaries and others connected with joint stock companies. To make it a handy book of reference to lawyers, over 2,000 English cases and 150 Canadian cases have been quoted in the footnotes, and it has been brought up to date as far as possible. The Amendments contained in the Companies' Act Amendment Act, 1913, are included in the text. The principal Act was already in print before these amendments were passed, and it was not possible to interlineate the 1913 amendments with the principal Act as has been done in the case of the 1912 Amendments. The Amending Act is therefore set out in full after the principal Act, and the sections thereof affected by the 1913 Act have been noted in the margin of the principal Act.

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