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*The Statutes in full:*

AND BRIEF NOTES OF LEADING CASES.

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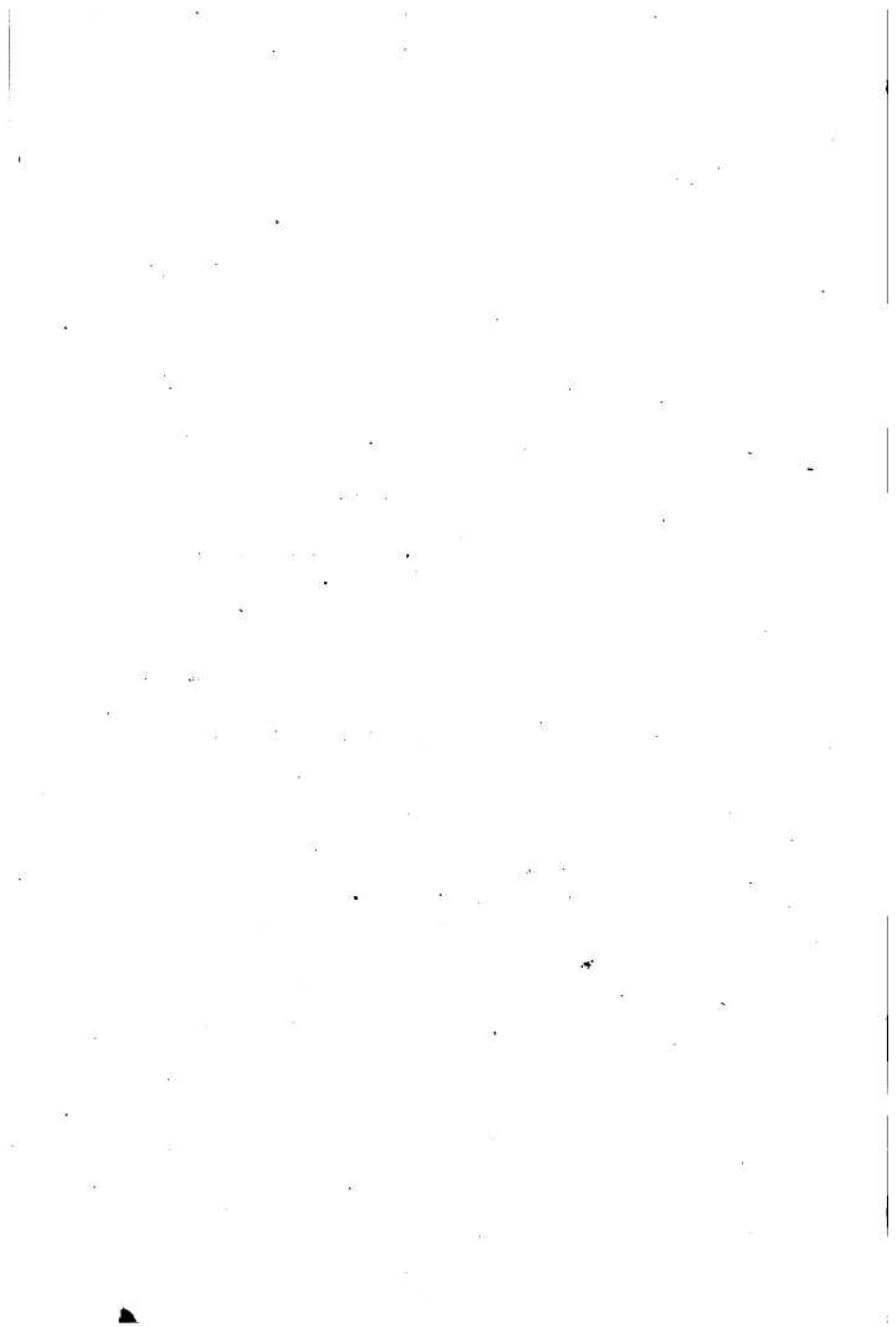


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AND SANITARY LEGISLATION IS CALCULATED TO BE FAR MORE CONDUCTIVE TO THE  
WELFARE OF THE MASSES THAN MERE POLITICAL CROTCHETS.





## Preface.

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**T**HE progress of Public Opinion generally, and the passing of Mr. Cross's "Commons Act," in particular, have given a stimulus to those Municipal Reformers who for many years past have been urging the annually increasing importance of preserving as "lungs" for the inhabitants of our large towns all the available Commons and open spaces which exist, and of putting into force the Acts which facilitate the establishment of such, where none exist.

In the belief that it would be a convenience to many Town Clerks, and Clerks of Improvement Commissioners and Local Boards to have the recent Statutes respecting Commons and open spaces, &c., collected into one volume, I have prepared the present work, which resembles, in its plan, so far as may be, my well-known *Digest of the Law relating to Public Health*, and seems to need no further preface.

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