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#### PREFACE.

The Manual now published is founded on lectures delivered by me as Lecturer on Evidence for the Law Society of Upper Canada. Some of those who attended represented that they would be glad to have these Lectures in permanent form. They stated that other students, who had not been able to attend. would also be likely to derive benefit from the publication. Two of those who did attend, Messrs, Hansford and Mussen, undertook to make all necessary arrangements and to do the work of proof-reading, etc. I agreed to put the MS, in as good form as my other employments would permit, and the present Manual is the result. It does not pretend to be anything more than an attempt to answer the question, What must I prove? I know of no work which solves this difficulty for beginners. Roscoe is too minute, and his book is intended for work on Circuit or at the Sittings. I have extracted from him and other authorities such general principles as seemed to me material, and have illustrated these selections by

reference to Canadian cases wherever the citation seemed apposite.

I have added, as an appendix, the new Supreme Court Rules relating to evidence, and also the Evidence Act, as contained in the Revised Statutes of Ontario, 1887.

I hope the Manual will be found useful not only to students, but also to members of the profession. It will be more than gratifying to me if it justifies the expectations of the students who thought the lectures deserving of reproduction.

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