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SEVENTH REVISION

THE
REVISED STATUTES

OF THE
STATE OF MAINE

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FOREWORD.

The present volume comprises the seventh revision of the public laws of the state, commonly known as statutes. The revision was prepared by the undersigned by commission from Governor Brewster, under authority of a resolve of the Eighty-third Legislature approved by the Governor April 15, 1927. Acting upon the instructions contained in said resolve, the commissioner submitted his report to the Eighty-fourth Legislature in January, 1929, and was thereupon commissioned to complete said revision, incorporating in it the public and general laws enacted at the session of 1929. The resolves providing for the completion of the task were approved by Governor Gardiner, April 9, 1929. By the same resolves the special joint committee of the Legislature to which the commissioner's preliminary report had been referred was constituted a commission for the supervision of said work. In cooperation with this committee and under its supervision the commissioner completed the revision as directed by the Legislature and the final draft was submitted to the Legislature at a special session held on the fifth day of August, 1930, at which the present revision was enacted and approved by the Governor and the prior revision and subsequent public acts, with certain exceptions, were repealed. Said action of the special session became effective on the tenth day of November, 1930.

Following the custom of previous revisions, certain public acts of less general interest have been omitted from this compilation, but have been specifically exempted from the scope of the repealing act.

The present revision is of considerably greater volume than any prior revision. Certain legislation of wide effect, such as the new court act, has necessitated a great number of changes throughout the entire body of the laws, the importance of which will be readily understood by members of the Bar.

While many subjects are necessarily left in the unsatisfactory condition which results from periodic and detached amendment, a great progress toward a consistent policy of codification is already in evidence, notably in the banking laws, motor vehicle laws, and other chapters which have come particularly under the supervision of governmental departments. And probably the outstanding advance toward a stable and consistent group of legislation appears in the several chapters of uniform commercial laws, all of which have been enacted since the last revision, and now for the first time are made available in one volume of our public laws.

Portland, November 10, 1930.

CLARENCE W. PEABODY.