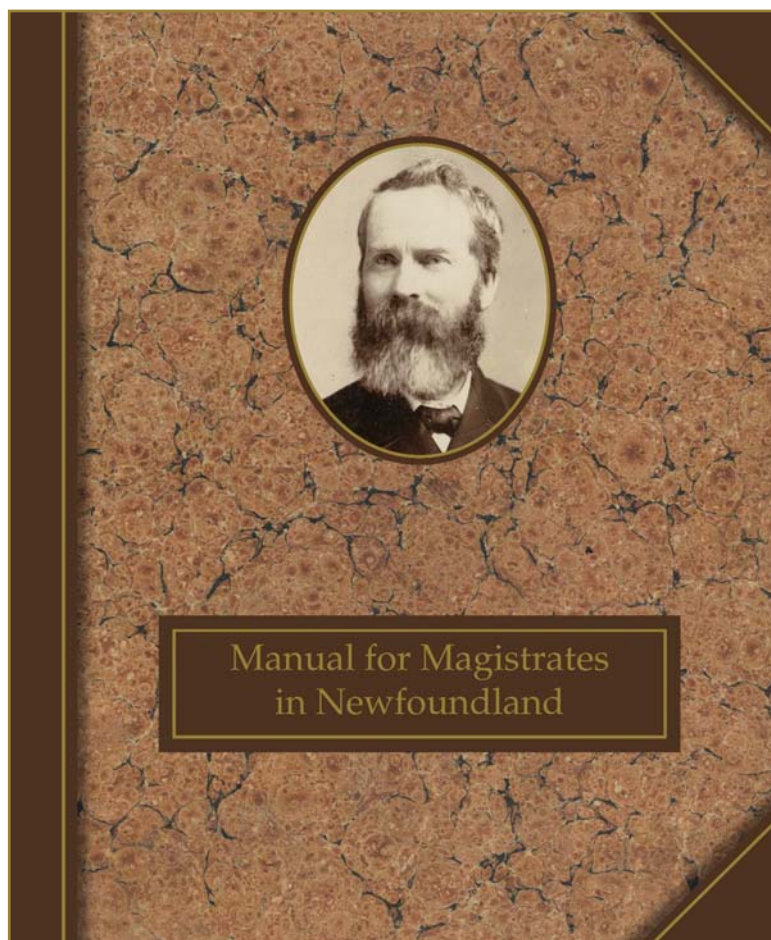


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D. W. Prowse's *Manual of Magistrates in Newfoundland* (1877)

Edited by Christopher Curran and Melvin Baker



This new printing of D.W. Prowse's 1877 *Manual for Magistrates* makes available to the Bar and to the public one of the 'classics' of Newfoundland's 19<sup>th</sup> century legal literature. The reprint is based on Sir James Spearman Winter's (# 52 on the Roll of the Law Society) copy of the original, of which only 100 were ever printed. The original is now extremely rare. The book is accompanied by an introductory essay by the editors and by an array of related photographic illustrations from the period. This printing is a limited print run.

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Prowse's 1877 *Manual for Magistrates* is likely the most important home-grown 19<sup>th</sup> century compilation of magisterial law applicable in the Colony. The work was intended as a practice guide for Outport Magistrates and provides unique insight into the English sources relied on by judges and lawyers in Newfoundland and how these sources were moulded and shaped to fit local circumstances and conditions. Prowse considered this, his first book, among his significant achievements: looking back on his long career in 1911 he said: "In 1877 I prepared the *Manual for Magistrates*, highly praised by the *London Law Journal* and *Law Times*. I adopted quite a new Method for the Enquires in Indictable Offences. I gave an imaginary case and put it there for the magistrates' instruction." Revised and enlarged in 1898, the *Manual* served as one of the mainstays of Newfoundland magistrates' practice down to confederation with Canada in 1949, after which Newfoundland's legal orientation turned from England to Canada.