

PREFACE.

In this little book I have sketched for school children, as nearly as possible in chronological order, the lives of a number of men who have had a share in making the Dominion of Canada what it is to-day. All these men have some connection with the Maritime Provinces, either of birth or of special service to that section of the Dominion. But as all Canadians have one country, service to any part is service to the whole; and many of the heroes of my little stories "buildd better than *they* knew," and helped to lay firmly the broad foundations of the Dominion.

We may go even a step further, and say, with Sir John Thompson, "He who serves Canada serves the Empire, and he who serves the Empire serves Canada as well." Of this fact many of these men, including the Loyalists and their sons, were fully conscious. Haliburton, Wilmot and Howe constantly insisted that, in spite of differing climates and dividing oceans, all Britons were brothers. Others helped to show the same truth by action. Samuel Cunard, with his swift steamships, contributed something towards the practical realization of this idea, while the many gallant soldiers and sailors from the different provinces of the Dominion who have fought for England by land and sea have in a different way borne witness to the fact that the Empire was and is firmly united.