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THE Publishers of this work use every effort each year to place before the public as reliable information as can possibly be obtained in the short period of time available ; and this year as well as in past years, we have endeavoured to do our best.

We would always like to get the Book out before the 1st of July, but this year the delay was unavoidable in consequence of the wet weather, as the men could not possibly take the name, while it was raining, and another cause of delay was the Custom House Tariff, having waited as long as possible for it and get the Book out in any kind of season to allow the business men to use the work in sending out their half yearly accounts, we had to print the Book without the tariff.

To the supporters of this work the publishers return their sincere thanks, but there is a wrong impression among business men that the Directory is not a good medium for advertising in, why this idea is prevalent the publishers cannot understand, as the Directory is used more than any other medium they can possibly advertise in.

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