

PREFACE.

It has been the custom hitherto, in LOVELL'S MONTREAL DIRECTORY, to classify, under their respective trades, business, or professions, *all Subscribers* to and *Advertisers* in the Directory, *and only these*, as the classification of all names would add too greatly to the bulk of the book. The classification was, therefore, exceedingly incomplete, and by no means served to shew at a glance—what is often required—the whole list of persons engaged in a given business, trade, or profession. Such a Directory having been often asked for, it was determined to omit from Lovell's Montreal Directory the partial and unsatisfactory classification hitherto given, and issue a distinct Directory, which should contain *classification* of all persons engaged in professions, trades, or business, in Montreal. The result of that determination is herewith submitted, and the Publishers have no doubt that LOVELL'S CLASSIFIED BUSINESS DIRECTORY will meet the approval of its patrons. It has been the endeavor of the Publishers to embody in the Directory all Miscellaneous Information ordinarily required by business men, and this has been corrected up to date of publication.

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The following Statistics, noted in compiling Lovell's Montreal Directory for 1877-78, may not prove uninteresting :

Number of names in 1877-78 edition which remain as in 1876-77 edition...	12,494
New names in Directory of 1877-78 (not in previous edition).....	12,976
Number of removals since issue of 1876-77 edition.....	7,052
Total names in Lovell's Montreal Directory for 1877-78.....	32,522

Names erased in 1877-78 (which appeared in previous year).....	12,336
Number of unoccupied houses in Montreal on May 14, 1877.....	1,441

MONTREAL, August 1, 1877.