

INTRODUCTORY.

In presenting this volume of the *ONTARIO GAZETTEER*, the publishers feel confident that it will meet the wants of the business community, and will be found much more complete and accurate than any of its predecessors. It has been prepared in all cases from original sources of information, collected especially for this work, and great care has been taken to ensure as perfect a degree of accuracy as is possible in works of this nature—no easy task when the many and varied channels from whence the requisite information has to be obtained, and the labour of compiling, comparing and classifying the many thousands of items—are taken into consideration.

It gives a full and complete representation of the mercantile, manufacturing and professional interests of Ontario. It contains an accurate business directory of every city, town and village in the Province, giving a descriptive sketch of each place, showing its location, population, most convenient shipping stations, products that are marketed, stage communications, bonded indebtedness, nearest bank location, express and telegraph offices, newspapers, etc., and other information useful to all classes of business and professional men. The classified portion of the book contains lists of all trades, pursuits and professions in the Province, arranged alphabetically by post offices, with the name and post office address of every person in each line of business.

The next edition of the work will be issued in 1886, when the publishers trust to introduce further items of interest and value. In conclusion we beg to return thanks to those who have so liberally bestowed their patronage on this work, and at the same time to offer our congratulations on the continued steady and rapid increase of the industries, wealth and population of Ontario.

Respectfully,

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