

PREFACE.

The greater part of the materials utilized in the preparation of this History of the Judges of New Brunswick and Their Times was accumulated through the indefatigable researches of the late Mr. Joseph W. Lawrence, who spent much time and pains in the undertaking.

Unfortunately, in some respects, Mr. Lawrence delayed the publication of his book until life was too far advanced to admit of his seeing the consummation of his labors. At the time of his death, on the 6th of November, 1892, he was in his seventy-fifth year, and his manuscript copy not yet complete.

More than twelve years later, Dr. A. A. Stockton undertook the task of editing and completing the manuscript for publication. Needless to say, the late Dr. Stockton was a man admirably fitted for the work. He was possessed of the true historic instinct and gifted with fine literary taste; he was a ready writer, and, what was of special advantage in a work of this kind, a trained lawyer. Valuable as was the work of Mr. Lawrence, and great and enduring as is the obligation under which he has placed those who take an interest in the early history of New Brunswick, there remained much for Dr. Stockton to do in the way of careful revision, addition of notes and important supplementary material. At the time of Dr. Stockton's death, on the 15th of March last, the publication had proceeded as far as the end of Chapter XVI.

The writer then undertook to complete the work, which he has now done to the best of his ability, in view of the many distractions and interruptions consequent upon his ministerial duties and the shortness