

PREFACE.

THE compilation of the POST OFFICE GAZETTEER OF THE DOMINION OF CANADA has been undertaken mainly in the hope of supplying, in a concise form, a ready means of obtaining information as to the exact locality of and readiest route of access to the several Towns and Villages in the Dominion; and, with this view, the distance to each place is given from the nearest Railway Station or from the Town or Village from which it receives its mails; thus Alport is stated to be 4 miles from Bracebridge, while the latter place is 36 miles from Orillia, a Station of the Northern Railway. In the case of places where there is no Post Office, the distance is given to the nearest Post Office. In describing these places the word "village" has been used for the sake of brevity and uniformity, although in a large number of instances the term "settlement" would be more correct. When a place is known by more than one name, the Post Office name is given in capital letters and the local name in italics. A great deal of time has been occupied, and much care has been taken, in the preparation of this work, and it is hoped that the information therein contained will be found thoroughly reliable.

Valuable assistance has been rendered to the Compiler by his brother Officers in the Department, and by Mr. Lovell, Publisher of the Canadian Dominion Directory, to whom his warmest acknowledgments are tendered

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT,

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