

such mistakes have been corrected, only on further investigation to lead to the discovery that the name had been taken and inserted many pages out of its place owing to incorrect orthography on the part of the person originally taking the names. This is but a sample of one of the many difficulties encountered.

Another and by no means minor cause of difficulty is the want of any established names to some of the suburban streets and lanes, and the very irregular numbering of the houses. In some cases there are two houses of similar numbers in the same street, and in many cases houses without numbers of any kind ; but the publisher observes with much satisfaction the intention of the Corporation, with laudable energy, at once and completely to remedy this evil. Such action on their part will greatly facilitate the labors of compilation in future years.

The slight variations in form of the present issue will, it is hoped, be approved. A considerable enlargement will be observed in the work, and the publisher may state that he has in point of fact endeavored to obtain the name of *every resident in the city and suburbs*.

The publisher intends in the ensuing year, to adopt the suggestions of several gentlemen (if practicable) to issue the work with the addition of a Street Directory, an established and appreciated feature in the Directories of larger cities, the convenience of which for reference is very great.

MACKAY'S MONTREAL DIRECTORY has hitherto received at the hands of the citizens a valued support and appreciation. This will hardly be lessened when, as will be seen by this edition, increasing labor has been bestowed with a view to *accuracy* ; nor will the publisher's designs be ignored when he announces his intention to make *accuracy* and improvement a study for future years. The public can greatly contribute to this accuracy by notifying the publisher from time to time of any changes, such as removals, changes in names of firms, and in fact alterations of any description.

The publisher concludes his preface with an expression of his appreciation of the liberal support accorded to the Directory for this year, and the hope that this support will be merited, and in future years increased. His thanks are likewise due to many gentlemen connected with Societies and Public Institutions, who have taken pains to furnish information concerning them. Should any omission in respect of such institutions be noticed, it will be gladly supplied in future years; the publisher desiring to make this section of the work comprehensive, methodical, and complete in all detail.

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