

PREFACE

IN offering this book to the people of Brome County I do so with a full consciousness of its imperfections. In my zeal to gather facts fast falling into the region of forgetfulness I have neglected attention to style. Hence the book is an aggregation of facts simply recited which have cost me much labour and expense to obtain. Hours of careful searching have recalled truths which are told in one or two simple sentences. This work would never have been produced had it not been for the active and generous assistance of Judges Foster and Lynch.

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This volume contains general outlines and some account of the various societies of the County, and also some of the genealogies of early families. Though I published a request for genealogies two years ago and repeated the call a year ago, it was met with a very meagre response and the major part of what appears in this volume was obtained by personal canvas.

The next volume is to contain a detailed history of each township making up the County.

The history of Knowlton, the Chef-lieu of the County, is here given.