

PREFACE.

THE Publisher in presenting his eighth edition of the Saint John City Directory, regrets that he cannot place before its perusers the same amount of information as in former editions. That great calamity, the destruction of the greatest and best portion of the City by fire, on the 20th June last, not only prostrated the buildings and the business of the City, but its institutions, societies, &c., almost leaving nothing to work up in the shape of an Appendix, or even a Street Directory. The Publisher therefore thought it best (after consulting his friends belonging to the City) to leave out of this edition, both the Street Directory and the Appendix, and place before the public a smaller and cheaper edition, at the same time giving actually more pages (400) for \$1 than in the last or former editions being (530 or 550) pages for \$2, the binding of this work costing the same as former editions.

The Publisher in returning his thanks to those who have come nobly forward to the support of this work, would also say to those who hesitate to pay for either their Advertisements or Subscriptions from orders given before the fire, that he has endeavoured to give value for such orders by placing their names in larger type, and adding space in connexion therewith, which, of course, has added to the expense of the work; and when the public considers that he has been a fellow-sufferer by the loss of his Plant, &c., being nearly ready for delivery, he hopes there will be no hesitation to pay in full the orders presented to them with their signatures prefixed. There is also added a map of the City on the Eastern side of the harbour, which also has added to the expense.

The Publisher finds a good many names missing from this work. No doubt some have been left out, but his agents inform him that in many cases it was almost impossible to get persons to give their names for one cause or another. In conclusion, the Publisher lives in hopes to see the City of Saint John, in the Spring of 1878, show such signs of activity in buildings being erected and mercantile pursuits going on, that every merchant, manufacturer and mechanic will be so happy that the next edition of McAlpine's Directory will increase in size and profit to its Publisher.