

## Preface

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IN writing this volume my aim has not been to produce a work of history in the strict sense of the term. I have sought rather to embody my recollections of the principal men and events that came under my observation during a lengthened connection with Parliament and the Press, in such a form and style as may quicken the interest of the reader in a momentous period of our history within the memory of many still living.

My connection with the Press began when the relations of Church and State and several other questions deeply affecting the happiness and equality of the people were still unsettled, and when the long political struggle between Upper and Lower Canada under the ill-starred Union of 1841 was becoming more open, bitter and irreconcilable every year.

The most prominent champions in this memorable political conflict were the Hon. George Brown and the Hon. John A. Macdonald, the leaders respectively of the Reform and Conservative parties, although the Hon. George E. Cartier and the Hon. Antoine A. Dorion, of Lower Canada, were also conspicuous.

Both Mr. Macdonald and Mr. Brown were great men, who have left their mark on things Canadian for all time, and not only their bitter political battles,