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WE present to the Subscribers our Directory of the Town and County of Peterborough, and that of the neighboring townships of other counties, the great majority of the residents of which transact their business in Peterborough, and we feel confident that it will be found an invaluable aid to business men. To bring it up to that standard of completeness which we aimed at, and which we think we have achieved, has required a very large amount of labor, time and attention, and we feel confident that the Directory will receive the warm approval of our patrons. No previous work of the kind ever issued here has been so full and complete in the information furnished. This has been obtained chiefly from official sources, and can therefore be relied on as being correct. The merchant will find it almost invaluable as a reliable reference for his customer's Post Office address, so useful in sending out accounts and advertisements, as well as guiding him in giving credit. Freeholders, or those who own property, are so designated, which will be a criterion, where other information is not obtainable, of an individual's responsibility. It contains much valuable information relating to the settlement and rapid development of the portion of the Province more particularly dealt with, for some of which we are indebted to Poole's History. Thus will be preserved many historical facts to which the lapse of time will only give a greatly enhanced value. The work is, therefore, for these considerations, superior to any previous attempts, and merchants and others who did not originally subscribe should hasten at once to avail themselves of the privilege, as only a limited number have been issued.