

PREFACE.

ENCOURAGED by their success in producing the Ontario volume of the CANADIAN BIOGRAPHICAL DICTIONARY, and the universal favor with which it was received by the public, the publishers have been led to issue the volume which they here present, comprising the biographies of the eminent and self-made men of Quebec and the Maritime Provinces.

In publishing this volume, the constant endeavor has been to produce a work in every respect worthy of the name it bears. And inasmuch as the value of a work of this character depends upon a faithful adherence to facts and accuracy of statement, the publishers have employed every means in their power to secure these essentials, aiming faithfully to represent the various interests of these provinces. Here, in a condensed form, are to be found the leading events in the lives of the statesmen, preachers, lawyers, teachers, doctors, merchants, manufacturers and artisans, who have contributed so largely to the material wealth, and political and social development of the Dominion, and the influence of whose lives and works must serve as incentives to ambitious youth, and all who would emulate the example of those whom the country recognises and respects as her successful men and benefactors.

The data for the various sketches have been collected with the utmost care, and at great expense, by personally interviewing the parties whose biographies are given, or their intimate friends or relatives, and each sketch, having been submitted for correction and revision, has been published only upon approval.

The portraits, with which the work is illustrated, are fac-similes of approved photographs, wrought in the highest style known to the art of steel plate engraving.

While the publishers would not flatter themselves with the thought that the work is faultless, yet, they are conscious of having performed their labors conscientiously, and believe it to be as nearly perfect as money, time and labor could make it.

Of the value of such a work, it is not necessary to speak at length. The desire to be remembered is native to the human heart, and an instinct that grows strong proportionately to one's consciousness that his achievements have enhanced the well-being or promoted the happiness of his fellow-men, closely allied to this is the desire to know those who have made life successful, and their lives sublime, and whose works illustrate the power and worth of sturdy manhood; and the publishers, in issuing this volume, do it with the assurance, both that they are engaged