

## PREFACE.

In presenting the County of Elgin GAZETTEER AND DIRECTORY to its numerous patrons and the public generally, the publishers desire to tender their thanks to all who have aided them in the undertaking; among whom may be mentioned WM. MCKAY, Esq., County Clerk of Elgin, for the large amount of useful information which he has contributed—the public for the liberal patronage guaranteed—and the Press for the kind and encouraging assistance rendered.

Many new and profitable features will be found in the work which need not be here enumerated—suffice it to say, that it is designed to be both a DIRECTORY and a GAZETTEER of the County; describing the situation of the towns and villages—the churches, public buildings, societies, manufacturing establishments, &c.

In exhibiting the growth and progress of the County; the richness of its resources, the augmentation of its population; the extent of its commerce and varied branches of mechanical industry; its railway system and splendid shipping harbors—the book will be found of interest and utility to all business men as a means of reference.

The publishers would observe that neither pains nor expense has been spared to insure accuracy in the work even in the most trifling details. Still it can hardly be expected that a book of this character embracing so many particulars, gathered from so many sources; can be entirely free from errors—perfection so difficult of attainment in every department of industry is especially so in a compilation of this kind; but for such errors as may be found within these pages, the kind indulgence of the patrons and public, is solicited in view of the general reliability and correctness of the work.

Finally the aim of the publishers has been to give the people of Elgin a book which will be a credit to the County, and a decided benefit to their patrons and others.

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