

Directory, is it to be wondered at, that we pronounce the calling of a Directory compiler one of the gravest importance, aiding and perfecting, as it does, all other stations in life? Nay, when we consider the mathematical accuracy which is expected from the compiler in getting up such a book, and the immense responsibility which devolves upon him, must it not quite naturally recur to the mind of the general public, that one devoting his every hour to such a task, has a legitimate claim on the community at large, to their unqualified support and encouragement for the carrying out and subsequent disposing of a book so useful to all classes of Society?

This being said, the following pages will no doubt be found interesting reading to every resident of the City and valuable for reference hereafter. It is now 35 years since the first number of a Quebec Directory under the title of "HAWKINS' QUEBEC DIRECTORY AND STRANGERS' GUIDE TO THE CITY AND ENVIRONS FOR 1844-45" was issued. Until 1849-50 exclusively, Quebec was supplied with a Directory compiled under the care and supervision of the above gentleman. In 1849-50 Hawkins' publication, for reasons unknown to the