

INTRODUCTORY.

In once more making our bow to the citizens of St. Catharines, Thorold, Merriton and Port Dalhousie, we do so with feelings of sincere gratitude for the continued confidence so generously bestowed upon us, and for the evident appreciation of our efforts to serve them in the capacity of a directory compiler, as shown by the liberal patronage accorded us in this our second visit to this portion of the Province. In an especial manner we would express our thanks to the several editors of the local papers for the words of encouragement given us through the medium of their respective journals, and otherwise; and to our patrons generally, we would express our heartfelt acknowledgements for their renewed support and liberal patronage.

In connection with our present work we have endeavored to augment its usefulness as a reference by the addition of two important features, viz., a street directory, and a neat lithographic map of St. Catharines. These features, which have been carried out at a considerable additional expense in labor and money, we feel sure will be appreciated by our patrons, and by all those who shall have occasion to refer to the work for information.

We have endeavored to use more than ordinary diligence and care in the compilation of these pages, and if errors or omissions are noted, which is quite possible, we trust that our critics will remember that "to err is human."

The Advertisers in this work represent the leading business men of this part of the Province, and we most cheerfully commend them to the patronage of all under whose observation these pages may come.

With thanks to friends generally, we once more bid them adieu, with the hope that our present enterprise may meet with the same generous approbation with which our former effort to serve them was received.

WM. W. EVANS.