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## PREFACE.

In continuing a work, to which her late husband devoted so much of his time and attention, the undersigned is aware, that although the little assistance she could give him, in the details of the labor, has afforded her some valuable experience in the undertaking, now that it has pleased the Almighty by removing him to leave her to struggle with the world alone, yet she can hardly hope to have attained to that accuracy, of which the great support extended to the work in her deceased husband's hands is sufficient evidence, that it has hitherto possessed. She can say, however, that her desire to make the present edition of the Directory as worthy of the patronage of the community, as its predecessors have been acknowledged to be, has not been less ardent than was that of Mr. Mackay himself; and she trusts, with somewhat of diffidence, that the great pains she has taken to accomplish that desire have not been without success. She has bestowed much labor in procuring the necessary information, and hardly less in compiling and arranging it in due form.

Under the many difficulties she has had to encounter, she ventures to think, that the public will be disposed to look with an indulgent eye, upon any deficiencies or errors, which may be detected in the present volume, satisfied that the efforts of the widow to earn her bread cannot fail to be charitably regarded by the citizens of Montreal; her principal excuse for them, should they exist, is her comparative newness to the many details of, to her, so great an undertaking,—the impossibility of commencing it before the 6th May, in consequence of the numerous removals at that date,—the great increase in the population of the city within the last three

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