

PREFACE.

In presenting a new edition of the OTTAWA CITY DIRECTORY to the Public, the Publisher desires to apologize for the late date of its appearance. The fact that there were formerly several Streets of the same name, and that the houses had not been numbered, made it a very difficult matter to arrive at that maximum of correctness at all times to be desired; and when the City Engineer had determined upon having the work of numbering carried out, no effort was spared on the part of the Publisher to urge on so necessary an enterprise. That work having been completed, the publication of the Directory has followed as speedily as possible. Its convenience as a work of reference is thus greatly enhanced, and the Public will be thereby fully compensated for the delay which it has caused.

The book contains, besides a Street, an Alphabetical, Business and Miscellaneous Directory, and has also appended, much valuable information relating to this section of the Province. A Directory of the City of Hull, and of the more important of the neighboring Villages, is also given—the information for the former having been given by a gentleman resident in and fully acquainted with the inhabitants of that new and rising City, the census of which has been prepared especially for this work, and is the first taken since 1872.

The Street List will be found the most complete yet issued, containing as it does, all the new names, with the former ones below, and also the number of every house in the City inhabited at the time of the canvas—each street being measured from one end to the other as the names were being taken.

Difficulty is still experienced in some parts of the city, in obtaining the necessary information, many persons believing that the names were required for either military enrolment, or the addition of some local, or obnoxious water rate. Omissions may have been occasioned in this way; and as changes are constantly taking place by removals and otherwise, between the time of canvas and publication, absolute accuracy cannot be expected. No trouble, however, has been spared to make the Directory as complete as possible.

With regard to Population, it will be observed from the following table that there is a slight falling off since last year. This decrease is doubtless due to the depressed state of trade, and the removal to the neighboring villages and to the country of not a few of last year's citizens. A glance at the returns for the last eight years will, however, shew an addition to our population of over one thousand a year—a ratio of increase certainly