

## PREFACE.

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In this book there is no attempt made at historical writing; that will be a matter for the future, after condensation of many similar works. If in the meantime it provides pleasant reading for those interested in the story of the Huron Tract, the wish and aim of the authors are gratified and justified. The book, with all its faults of omission and commission, is offered to that public which so constantly through the press demands historical data.

Professor Ramsay Wright, in his circular of 1893, says: "Histories of individual families should therefore be collected, and the accounts of various local enterprises carefully noted. Information should be obtained from individual recollection of events, traditions, private and public letters, manuscript letters and diaries, old newspapers and pamphlets, grants and commissions, printed or engraved."

In the subjoined letter of thanks and table of references will be found authorities for the matter herein contained.

Although history is the cyclic poem written by time upon the memories of men, recollections, like colours, fade, and these collops of literature, letters, journals, etc., being heritable and private property, are not always procurable. Difficulties, however, all reckoned, the mass acquired is so great that it would delight the German professor who died lamenting he had squandered his life upon the whole noun instead of confining himself to the dative case; so great that the five hundred pages here allowed might as easily have been one thousand.