

PREFACE.

This is the fourth volume or series of "The Landmarks of Toronto" which I have issued. The sketches have all appeared, as with former volumes, in the columns of The Toronto Evening Telegram, and the interest awakened by the reading of the history is an important feature in civic life—that of the history of the churches, induces me to continue the issue of the Landmarks in this form.

The three preceding volumes are nearly out of print, the first volume absolutely. The merit of the first volume is testified to by the fact that although issued at \$2 a volume it is now \$6, and very difficult to obtain.

No book of its kind in Canada has commanded more attention than the volumes which record the life and history of the capital city of Ontario from 1792-1903, and the fact that at this date it would be impossible to get together the information and engravings which embellish the first volume, makes the earlier volumes all the more interesting.

The Landmarks are to be found in the great libraries of the world, at the British Museum, The Guildhall Library, and The United Service Institution in London, England, The National Libraries at Paris, at Berlin and Vienna, and in many of the smaller libraries, not only public, but private, in Great Britain and the United States.

The Landmarks of Toronto are the only volumes ever published that give in detail the history of the old Town of York and of the City of Toronto, with historic pictures of men and places, maps and plans and other records that are of vital interest, not only to the pioneers, but to their children of the present generation.

If the 3,000 pages contained in the four volumes, with 600 illustrations, had not been first published in the columns of The Toronto Evening Telegram they could not be issued under a cost of \$5 a volume.

Their value may be shown in the fact that two sets of the three volumes, extra illustrated, have been sold by a bookseller, one to the Public Library in Toronto, and another set to a private collector for \$150 for each set.

Copies of this volume may be had by sending \$2 to The Evening Telegram Office, Toronto. Volumes II. and III. may also be obtained. Occasionally a copy of Volume I. is offered for sale, but at the increased price of \$6, and where collectors desire that volume it may be possible, scarce as it is, to obtain it.

Of this, the fourth volume, only a limited number have been issued, and as it will not be reprinted, those who desire a copy should subscribe as soon after its issue as possible.

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Every effort has been made to make the history of the churches complete, and it is expected that every church and every member will subscribe for at least one copy.

Each volume has a complete index, not only of the subject matter but of the illustrations, and the entire volume furnishes to the people of Toronto a unique collection of local church history that must interest all who are interested in local church history and its work in this city during the more than century of years that have rolled by since the old Town of York was founded.

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