

INTRODUCTORY.



THE PUBLISHERS in preparing this brief sketch of Brockville, the beautiful "City of the Thousand Isles," in writing of the beauties and advantages of this fairest of young Canadian cities, which they are proud to call their home, were engaged in a labor of love. Brockvillians are often considered "clannish" when away from home, in their expressions of love for their town, and certain it is that no citizen of Rome, in her palmiest days, was prouder of his citizenship in the Eternal City than are Brockvillians of their home by the mighty St. Lawrence. We feel, therefore, that we may be accused of being able to see only her beauties, while blind to her imperfections; but though our eyes may be those of a lover, we tell nothing that is not true, we make no statement that cannot be verified, and we point out no advantages we do not feel positive our city possesses.

There are in our country many people who, weary from a hard, though successful search for the "mighty dollar," are desirous of finding a pleasant home for their remaining years,