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THE compiler of this, the first publication of the LOWER CANADA ALMANACK, presents it to the public under the assurance that it will furnish a desideratum which had become the more requisite from the rapidly increasing commercial importance of these Provinces, and the late removal of the seat of government, and of most of the public departments, from Quebec to Montreal. Its contents are more ample, and he ventures to hope more useful and accurate than are to be found in any similar work lately published in Lower Canada. He is, however, sensible that notwithstanding the most sedulous care with which the materials for it have been prepared, it is far from being, in every respect, perfect.

The plan of the work is not new; on the contrary, the compiler has availed himself of the mode of arrangement, (as it seemed to bim the best that could be devised,) and of much of the h ^cormation contained in the MONTREAL ALMANACK, published a few years back by Messrs. ARMOUR.

The DIRECTORY, which is added to the ALMANACK, although he believes that it contains the names of nearly all the principal merchants, traders, &c., yet is not so complete as the public may require or the compiler himself would wish to make it; but should the present undertaking meet with encouragement commensurate with the labour and expense attending it, hereafter it will be made more worthy of their patronage.