

P R E F A C E .

On reading the history of Canada, it is greatly to be regretted that many most important events, connected with its rise and progress, are lost to us for ever, simply because no record of passing events was kept at the time. With a view, in some measure, of obviating similar misfortunes, occurring in the early history of our infant city, I have thrown a few imperfect notes together, and for which I do not lay any claim to originality, having derived all my information from other parties. To the Introduction I am entitled to no merit whatever, nor could I be, inasmuch as it in a great measure refers to events which fell under the cognizance of the writer, but which took place some years before the period of my birth.

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