

PREFACE.

Among the many eminent characters which adorned the annals of Nova Scotia during the 18th century none are more deserving of notice than those prominent men, whose records are given in this volume, and who in many ways contributed to mould, guide, and consolidate the many interests of our Province.

These memoirs are the outcome of long and patient research in the Record and War Offices, London, as well as through our Provincial archives, and were compiled and read before the Nova Scotia Historical Society at various dates—the paper on

“Cornwallis,” June 21st, 1899, the 150th anniversary of the founding of Halifax;

The “Lawrence” memoir was given January 15th, 1901;

The “Bulkeley” paper on January 12th, 1904; and that of

“Governor Parr” on March 1st, 1907.

The portraits are interesting:

That of Cornwallis was searched for all over Britain, and was finally traced to Gibraltar.

The portrait of Lawrence is from the engraving in Smollet's History of England.

The Bulkeley picture is from the drawing in the Provincial Museum, and the portrait of Governor Parr is from a miniature, presented by Earl Dalhousie to Matthew Richardson, Esq., Halifax, in 1820.

The hatchment from St. Paul's Church, page 86, Bulkeley arms, was photographed by Geo. Francklyn, Esq.

Memoirs of other eminent men of the 18th century, whose names will be forever associated with the History of Nova Scotia, will follow in a second volume, viz:

Life and times of Governor Chief Justice Belcher.

Lt.-Gov. Hon. Michael Francklin.

Col. DesBarres.

Hon. Alex. Brymer.

In these volumes (the present and the one to follow) the endeavour will be to present a plain narrative of events in the lives and during the administration of these distinguished men, leaving the reader to make his own deductions and his own estimation of the value of their services to the Province.

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