

PREFACE.

In presenting to Canadians this "Annual and Encyclopædia" it is confidently anticipated that the wealth of information it contains will secure for it a hearty reception throughout the Dominion.

In the compilation of this work, *absolute accuracy* has been aimed at. In view, however, of the multiplicity of statements and statistics involved, it is scarcely to be expected it will be entirely free from errors. The Editor, therefore, would feel greatly obliged if readers would acquaint him of needed corrections, so that they could be given effect to in subsequent editions. We cordially thank all those through whose courtesy we have been enabled to present such a variety of topics.

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In the statistics of Trade and Commerce, and other comparative reports for the years 1893-4 and 1894-5, it should be remembered that the fiscal year ending May 30th is referred to.