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ALTHOUGH the scope and object of THE CANADIAN MEN AND WOMEN OF THE TIME are sufficiently indicated on its title-page, a further word or two from the Editor may not be without interest to the reader.

Commencing with the Editor's "Sketches of Celebrated Canadians," published in 1862, there have appeared from the native press, at various times, many works and publications of a similar character. The present work, however, would seem to be the first attempt made to supply a hand-book of biography devoted exclusively to living persons, of both sexes, including among these Canadians of note dwelling in all parts of the world. That the number of the latter is very considerable no person can doubt who examines these pages. Canadians have earned and are still earning distinction for themselves and their country in every clime and, indeed, under every form of government.

In carrying out his design the Editor has tried to adhere to the arrangement adopted in the English "Men and Women of the Time," a work whose excellence is universally recognized. Some features, now introduced for the first time in a biographical dictionary, will, it is hoped, be found useful. These are, 1st, including in certain of the sketches the recorded or original