

PREFACE.

WE had expressed the hope in our first edition of the *MANITOBA DIRECTORY*, that this work would be eminently useful, not only to the commercial community, but to the general public.

We had also promised to continue issuing our book yearly, if the public encouragement should allow us to do so. Facts have justified our expectations, and we offer to-day to our friends a new edition of a work, which is justly appreciated by all who have at heart the material progress and advancement of the Province.

The Editors have spared no pains to make their Directory as complete and perfect as possible, with regard to the general information as well as to the printing and binding. In order to avoid any possible errors, the publishers have thought proper to send to Montreal a person specially entrusted with the superintendence of the work printed by Lovell Printing and Publishing Company. The reputation of this establishment is too well known to require any particular mention.

It is with pleasure that we cordially thank our numerous friends who have contributed to the success of our publication. And we venture to hope that we will be enabled in the future to keep pace with the general development of the country.

The Press of *MANITOBA* and of the other Provinces have favorably noticed our Directory, and we take leave to present our readers with the following extract from *The Manitoba Daily Free Press*:

MANITOBA DIRECTORY.—Since speaking of this production before, we have been enabled to examine it more minutely; and, in addition to what was then said, must express surprise at the completeness of the information which it supplies. It is an encyclopedia of the City and Province, and is almost perfectly accurate, so far as we are able to judge—it is better in this latter respect than any similar production that ever came under our notice. It contains well digested sketches of the city and settlements. Upon the whole, it is invaluable to every business man in the country; and we are glad to notice by the preface that the publishers intend getting out something similar annually. They deserve, and will assuredly receive, kind and liberal encouragement from all.

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