

PREFACE.

The anxious desire to become acquainted with the topography, resources, general statistics, and information relating to every part of the Province, has, of late years, become so universal, as to call for the publication of works, combining the necessary elements, to answer the end desired; and they have met with such invariable success and encouragement that it is unnecessary to offer any lengthened explanations upon the design of such publications as the present. Intended as an index to the growth and present condition of the County of Brant, this work has received the most scrupulous attention from its Publishers, in the procuring and compilation of every item of information that it contains, and they are pleased to say, that it will be found as free from errors as it is possible for works of the kind to be. Every effort has been made to procure full and accurate information, and the result of these efforts is now presented to the people of this County, with the hope that the business men and others will find it both interesting and useful. Its publication has been attended with great expense and labor, and only a generous support from all classes in the County will make it remunerative to the Publishers, whose most earnest desire has been to make the work worthy of encouragement.

The Publishers believe that an impartial examination of its contents will satisfy anyone of its utility and general correctness, notwithstanding that some errors or omission may have found their way into its pages. This will be by no means surprising, when the vast and variable amount of information it contains is taken into account.

The Publishers desire to tender their thanks to the Members of the Press and other gentlemen throughout the County, who have given their assistance to the enterprise with a cheerfulness that was most encouraging. Trusting that the "County of Brant Directory" will be found to answer the design of its publication, it is now presented to the public.

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