

## PREFACE.

In presenting to the public the Fourth Edition of the St. John City Directory, the Publishers hope that their patrons will find it fully equal, if not superior, to any former Edition, no expense or trouble having been spared to make it so.

In their efforts to make a perfect directory, the publishers have many difficulties to encounter; such as the unwillingness of householders to give the proper information, the refusal or inability of hotel and boarding house proprietors to give the names of their boarders, and the fear of the Public generally that the information asked for is in some way connected with taxation, leading many workmen and others to give fictitious names and addresses.

The most serious difficulty the Publishers have had to contend with this year, is the want of numbers on the houses; it is to be hoped, however, that, before another Directory is issued the Corporation will have the houses numbered, and names of streets placed on the corners, in a style which will do credit to the City.

By the use of the Street Directory, which has been carefully prepared, and which gives the names of all householders in the City, the position of a given number on a street can be easily ascertained, by which much of the difficulty connected with the houses not being numbered may be obviated; a few minutes study of this portion of the work will demonstrate its value.

Included in this work are separate Directories of the town of Portland and village of Fairville.

Beginning at page 25 will be found an Index to Advertisements and a Business Directory of Advertisers. Persons who wish to make purchases, or have work done in any line of business, will there find the names and addresses of the principal firms in the City and Portland.

By reference to the Table of Contents, at page 21, it will be found that, as usual, the Appendix is complete with valuable information.

A synopsis of the Census returns for the city and county of Saint John and town of Portland, (as far as published), is given at page 29; it is hoped that this information will be found both useful and interesting.

To the Advertisers and Subscribers and to all who in any way assisted them in getting information for the work, the Publishers hereby tender their sincere thanks.