

PREFACE

The production of this work is the outcome of a belief on the part of the writer that one of the several sources of impetus to patriotism is a knowledge of one's native land. In the more settled sections of our country men and women alike have vied with each other in gathering up and presenting to the people of Canada in general and of their own vicinity in particular such facts as are of local historical value, with the result that societies and institutes have been organized to prosecute a diligent search for facts and relics which link this busy present with the interesting past.

The author of this volume can find no such work dealing fully with the story of Sault Sainte Marie, and it is with the sole object of collecting and preserving tradition, songs and stories that might otherwise be lost that he has undertaken to weave them together with the better known facts into a home-spun production of which, he hopes, Algoma may not be ashamed.

The book is printed in the county town of Sault Sainte Marie, and so claims the proud distinction of being the first volume from Algoma's presses.