

PREFACE

Having been requested by many of my friends to collect and publish in book form my various contributions to the Public Press, I have endeavored in the present volume to meet their wishes.

Although a thought or a sentiment might very often be better expressed in prose than verse, still it is not so likely to catch and rivet the attention of a casual reader, and many quotations now "Familiar in our mouth as household words," would probably never have attained their present popularity had they been embodied in a speech or newspaper paragraph.

As many of the poems in this volume have been read and met the approval of various people in high positions, well qualified to judge, I think no apology is needed for offering them to the general public, although the material may not have the culture or polish of the high-class magazine.

I would express my thanks to the Editors of the *Montreal Standard*, *Toronto Saturday Night*, *Mail and Empire*, *Star*, *News*, and *Telegram*, of Toronto, for their courtesy in giving prominent position to my efforts. I also owe a debt of deep gratitude to one who, unfortunately, is past receiving my thanks,