

PREFACE.

THE necessity for the publication of such a Directory as the present has been brought before the publishers by many of the business and professional men of the Dominion. In its compilation the publishers, whose experience in bringing out such works as the Canada Directory of 1850 and 1857, the Dominion Directory of 1871, the Province of Ontario Directory of 1881, the Province of Quebec Directory of 1890, and the Montreal Directory for over fifty years, has stood them in good stead, have uniformly kept before them the special purpose and use of this Directory—viz: to make it what it purports to be, a Business and Professional Directory of the Dominion of Canada. With that end in view no pains have been spared to acquire the most accurate information, by a door to door canvass, as to the names and occupations of the inhabitants of all the cities, towns and banking villages in the Dominion. While it is expected that this Directory will prove of first importance to the mercantile community, it is as confidently hoped that professional men will find in its classified directory and miscellaneous information much that will be of interest and use to them as well as to the business man. Every effort has been made, by repeated enquiry and correction of proofs up to the time of going to press, to ensure that no professional or business man's name should be omitted.

It is now many years since a work of this nature has been sent out, and never before has it reached such magnitude or completion of detail, this naturally resulting from the greater facilities possessed by the publishers, and the readier access to reliable information as compared with previous years.

The publishers acknowledge with much pleasure their indebtedness, for many of the facts contained in the miscellaneous portion of the work, to the Statistical Department at Ottawa and to the publishers of the Star Almanac.

To the postmasters in a number of the smaller places added to the work, not contemplated in the prospectus, the thanks of the publishers are due, and to a number of other gentlemen for correcting the proof sheets of their respective places.

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