

PREFACE.

In presenting this book to the public, I feel certain that it will give entire satisfaction inasmuch as it contains all the improvements promised at the time of publishing the first volume, in 1875: *Biographies Autographs and Uniformity of Portraits*.

The Biographies have been compiled from best sources and can therefore be relied upon; Autographs and Portraits were obtained from Senators and Members for this purpose only, at a great deal of trouble and expense and the work of preparing the artotypes has been carefully done so as to prevent the wrinkling of the sheets as in the previous edition. Another important addition which will be noticed, is the introduction of the Senate in this second volume now called "**The Illustrated Guide to the House of Commons and Senate of Canada.**"

As was suggested, the Senate should have taken precedence in the Title, but the suggestion was made too late to change it on the cover plate, which was already engraved. However I put the Senate before the House of Commons as far as Portraits and Printing are concerned, and this mistake (which does not materially injure the appearance of the book) will be avoided in the next edition to be published after next general elections, if I receive sufficient encouragement for the present publication.