PREFACE.

HAVING thought it desirable to preserve a Record of the Montreal Rifle Excursion to Portland, and wishing also to show to the Officers and Men that such undertakings are not planned without forethought, nor carried through to a successful issue without great labor and care, the following Narrative has been compiled for their use, and information, by their sincere friend and earnest well-wisher, the

LT. COLONEL.

MONTREAL, 1st September, 1858.