



Preface.

IN presenting the first number of the **MANITOBA AND NORTH WEST ILLUSTRATED QUARTERLY** to the public, the Publishers can advance no better claim for attention than the words of the Marquis of Lorne, in his famous Winnipeg speech: "To be ignorant of the North West is to be ignorant of the greater portion of our country."

The object of this **QUARTERLY** is to present in a pleasing and reliable form, the main features of the country, and to make its resources known to the outside world. It has its faults as well as its merits, and the publishers ask only for the patronage and support of those interested in the welfare of the North West, and they on their part guarantee that neither trouble, expense, nor talent will be spared to make the **QUARTERLY** a success and a credit to the people of this "The Greater Canada." In wishing our readers a Merry Christmas we hope that it will not be considered out of place to congratulate them on the fact that in conception and artistic and literary work, this paper is purely Manitoban.