

AUTHOR'S PREFACE.

It is natural for every man of ordinary curiosity and discernment, to desire to know something of the past and present state of the country he may have adopted for his home. The material which constitutes the "Chronicles of Canada," has been carefully sorted from an infinite variety of old Colonial Books, and public records. In obtaining this information, many hours have been sometimes spent in seeking for that which a few minutes would suffice to put into writing. Desirous of looking more particularly into the history of my adopted country, the researches I had occasion to make for this purpose were attended with much interest and gratification to me. But in committing the result to writing,—even on the limited scale which the work allows—I found more difficulty than I at first expected. The minor points of the history were in different accounts so discordant, that it was difficult to decide which one was correct. The main facts however are well attested, and of these I have endeavoured to embody as many as my range would allow in the following pages. I would take this opportunity of returning thanks to all those who have rendered me assistance in my undertaking, and especially to Mr. Todd, the Librarian of