

lation of documents for, now nearly thirty years, could enable him to embody in such a work. That it is altogether free from defects it would be presumptuous probably to hope, especially when it is considered that such a work is the first of the kind that has been undertaken, not only for Lower Canada, but for any other of the British colonies; yet the author may vouchsafe to say, that the general correctness of the information may be fully relied upon. In the method and systematic arrangement of the Dictionary, the author has pleasure in acknowledging the assistance he derived from Mr. Thomas G. Bucke; and he trusts that the frame of the work and the classification of the details will be found judicious.

The author, in fine, has studied utility far more than elegance; the earnest desire of conveying information and not a visionary prospect of literary fame, to which he cannot presume to aspire, has brought him again before the public, and he confidently hopes to receive that indulgence which, he thinks, he may claim, from the motive by which he has, avowedly, been actuated, in the publication of a  
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