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PREFACE.

In presenting to the public their first edition of the Ottawa and Kingston City Directory, including the principal Towns of Central Canada, the publishers hope that their patrons will find it as near being correct as any former work of the same description. Neither care or expense have been withheld to achieve this; and should a slight error be now and then noticed, the publishers trust to the usual kind liberality of their patrons.

In taking the names for this book, great trouble was experienced by the different occupants of houses not wishing to impart that information which was absolutely necessary. More especially by the French residents of the Lower Town, Ottawa. They seemed to be impressed with the idea that we were emissaries of the Government, sent around for the purpose of obtaining a knowledge of the number of able-bodied men suitable for enrolment; and indeed were willing to take their oath that the names were required for that purpose,—the married women more especially. They would frequently, while our agents were taking the names on one side of a street, lock the door of their respective dwellings on the opposite side, and when they started to commence on that side, in many instances the doors were barred against them, and they have had frequently to trust to the information received from the next neighbor, or perhaps make a second and sudden call on them later when their doors were open. Also another difficulty we met was to get men for taking names in the locality where there was known cases of that loathsome disease the small pox, one of our agents was attacked with it which made the others fearful. With drawbacks of this nature (and there are many others which the publishers have had to surmount) it would not be surprising if an error would become visible occasionally.

It is now ten years since the publishers started in the Directory line, having during that time successively brought out the St. John, N.B., Halifax, N.S., Directories, the Maritime Provinces Directory, and lately the Dominion Classified Business Directory; and with this experience to back them, they can with every confidence continue to present to the public books so much wanted in every large city and town in the Dominion. In Kingston there was not so much trouble experienced, but the City was very badly numbered, and it will no doubt be