

AUTHOR'S PREFACE

IN writing the life-history of two such extensive and diversified Stocks as those treated of in this volume, one must needs be dependent, to a greater or less extent, upon the labours of others. No single student could cover so wide a field unaided, and I desire here to acknowledge my indebtedness to those from whom I have drawn or received assistance in the preparation of this work.

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This able and scholarly missionary has spent a large portion of his life among the Déné tribes, and is more familiar with all that appertains to their lives and customs, both past and present, than any other man living. To him I have gone for much of my information on this Stock, as also for confirmation of any doubtful points drawn from others, and my readers may feel assured that what I have written upon the Déné is accurate and reliable.