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## PREFACE.

IN presenting this their first edition of "THE TORONTO DIRECTORY FOR 1873," the Publishers feel happy in acknowledging the very liberal support they have received; they most sincerely thank their subscribers for their patronage and would state that every effort has been made on their part to make it worthy of the same,—neither expense, pains, nor labor having been spared to make it complete in its several departments. Trustworthy Agents were engaged in taking the occupations, names, and general information embodied in the work, all of which has been carefully revised by Mr. Cherrier himself previous to being put in press. It has been compiled in the most condensed form, as the real value of a Directory consists in giving the greatest sum of information in the smallest possible space, and they here would remark that the "Street Directory," which has been set up in three columns, contains the names of 272 streets, making an increase on former publications of 72 streets, 50 of which are built upon. This they here mention as a proof of the correctness of this issue.

A Miscellaneous Directory of 37 pages, the most complete yet published in a Directory of this city, has been compiled with special pains, and will be found of much local interest.

In the "Advertisers and Subscribers Business Classified Directory," containing 26 pages, great care was bestowed in classifying all business men in general, so that all might benefit by the advantages derived therefrom.

A DESCRIPTION OF THE CITY, of its wealth and prosperity, has been written especially for the work, and great care has been exercised in its preparation, in fact every portion of the work has had the most careful supervision.

DIRECTORIES of the surrounding villages of Toronto have also been added

It has been the aim of the Publishers to make "THE TORONTO DIRECTORY" not only a work of credit to themselves, but also to the "Queen City" of the West, and in supplying a handsome as well as a useful and valuable book, they hope to receive for their next edition the favor of the public in general, their patrons and advertisers.

It is their intention to make "THE TORONTO DIRECTORY" a yearly publication, of increasing circulation and proportionate value.

Due notice of the next edition will be given.

In taking leave of the public till next year, the Publishers take this opportunity of tendering their thanks to the PRESS, to the officers of the Government, City Corporation, Societies, Companies, Clubs, and public institutions, for their readiness in giving their Agents the necessary information.

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