

PREFACE

In compiling this pamphlet I am indebted to Revs. Laurence Coughlan, William Wilson, T. W. Smith, Dr. Toque, Dr. Cornish, General Conference Statistician, and to my own observation and the knowledge imparted to me by the old land marks that I have known and with whom I have conversed in days gone by.

Where I have found discrepancies and inability to reconcile these Methodist historians, I have made the Circuit Registers and records my final "Court of Appeal." I have endeavoured to bring within the reach of the reader, from almost obsolete sources, facts that had well nigh faded from the minds of the present generation. I trust that the publication of this short history of Methodism on the North Shore, will prove a blessing to the rising generation and will tend to ground them in those doctrines and ethical principles which have helped to make our Methodism such a power for good in the Ancient Colony.

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