

termed its mediæval era, the link is strengthened by the fact that it was once the residence of Her Majesty's father, the Duke of Kent, while commanding the forces of Britain on the North Atlantic Station.

The distinctive feature of the city is its military and naval character. Here, on any summer day, may be seen throngs of "jolly tars," or, in the popular phrase, "blue jackets," parading the streets, or a company of red-coated soldiers marching with measured tread from some one of the many military stations to another. In the beautiful harbour, riding secure from danger of wind or wave, are vessels of all nations; the peaceful trader from remotest clime, the hardy fisherman, and the mighty war-ship of old England. Guarded by forts and battlements on shore, and by a noble fleet on sea, Halifax basks contentedly in the genial warmth of her summer sun, and invites her American cousin and inland Canadian sister to come and note her warlike security, to be enlivened by her sports and pastimes, and enraptured by the sights she can show them. Here is the land; there the sea. Would you walk, drive, hunt or shoot? Would you row, sail, bathe or fish? Each and all are open to you. Would novel sights and sounds amuse you? Then, again, will Halifax furnish such entertainment as can be had nowhere else in America. In the spacious roadstead may be seen mock battles of the war-ships with each other and with the forts; on shore the sham fights of the garrison, divided for the occasion into opposing forces. To this is added a summer climate, clear, cool and healthful; scenery and surroundings of extreme beauty; and a hospitality which the visitor has ever found warm and true.

The object of the present volume is to treat of these and other features of the place, and to give at the same time a succinct yet comprehensive history of the city, from its foundation to the present day.

To those who have known and loved Halifax, and to her warm-hearted, patriotic citizens, the publisher and compiler alike respectfully dedicate their work, in the hope that it may meet with the approbation of those for whose pleasure they have sought to cater.

