

## DEDICATION.

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THE EDITOR again, as in the First and Second Editions, unites gratitude with cheerful acknowledgments in dedicating this compilation to his PATRONS ; among whom are the intelligent of all professions, occupations, and creeds. Their desire for the History has required the issue of a THIRD EDITION.

Many readers have sent to the publisher written commendations, and the press has joined in recommending the public to give the volume their confidence and support.

Such as might be expected to criticise it are silent.

Probably this silence may be construed into a recognition of the value and truthfulness of the work. Be this as it may, the Editor emphasizes his gratitude for the sympathy his friends have expressed in his behalf while subject to an ordeal unparalleled in the stirring events accompanying the discussion and adjustment of one of the most important questions ever imposed upon the people of Canada.

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