

PREFACE.



Prefaces are rarely read, therefore this will be brief. Being large dealers in Bird Foods, and having a business that extends from Halifax to Vancouver, we are frequently asked for a book on the treatment of Cage Birds in general, and Canaries in particular, and not knowing any book of the kind in Canada that was written to supply the popular demand, we have done our best to fill what we believe to be a long felt want.

Besides relating our own experience we have not hesitated to consult the best British works of authority and are particularly indebted to "Dyson's Book on Birds" and "Cassell's Canaries and Cage Birds," the latter being an expensive work and rather beyond the limited means of many of our most enthusiastic breeders. We have noticed that many different dealers have issued books treating on cage birds, and have drawn largely on both these works, but have not thought fit to give the credit where it was due.

Only fragments of time in a busy business life have been devoted to this work, and no claim is made to literary style, but if the book is a real help to the public generally—and perhaps some of the more experienced bird fanciers may find it useful—we will consider that our labour has not been in vain.

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