

PREFACE.

The Publisher of this work can say, with some degree of pride, that he is the oldest Publisher of Directories in the Dominion of Canada, being twenty years (1863) since first engaged at the business, and seventeen years (1867) a Publisher, having published twelve St. John, thirteen Halifax, one General Maritime Provinces, one Business of the Dominion, two Business Directories of the Maritime Provinces, one Ottawa, Kingston and Central Canada, one London and County of Middlesex, one Hamilton and County of Wentworth, and two General Directories of the Province of Nova Scotia, being in all thirty-four Directories. This work, the public will find, is not behind any of its predecessors, either in completeness or workmanship, as far as there is a possibility to make it. It is an impossibility to make a complete Directory of names and numbers while a considerable number of persons will withhold their names, supposing my agents to be tax gatherers, or while the Houses are left unnumbered. There is no City the size of St. John and Portland without numbers on the houses. It certainly would be a great convenience to every person, and the stranger would not leave our City with the impression that he was in a country town. If the public agree to have the houses numbered the Publisher would give his aid to the work with pleasure.

To those who have supported this work the Publisher returns his sincere thanks.