

PREFACE.

In introducing to the public a Directory of the new and flourishing Prairie Province of the Dominion—MANITOBA,—the Publishers trust the utility of the work will be found evident, when the rapidly increasing intercourse and growing commerce between Manitoba and the sister provinces of the Dominion is taken into account, and that a much felt want will be supplied by their enterprise. Undertaken in such an early stage of the growth of the youthful Province, they venture to hope, that the undertaking will meet with due appreciation by the public, no pains or labour having been spared to make the MANITOBA DIRECTORY complete, reliable and varied in its information, and accurate in its details, so that it may be thoroughly adapted to the wants of all classes of the community.

This being the first and only Directory of Manitoba published, the Province having been created since the publication of Mr. Lovell's gigantic and valuable undertaking, the DOMINION DIRECTORY, the publishers trust that the labour and cost incurred in the production of this Directory may prove sufficiently remunerative to encourage them to keep pace with the rapid advancement of the new Province by the issue of an annual revised and improved edition, and that the MANITOBA DIRECTORY will be found in the Counting House of all places of business in the Dominion and elsewhere, where the cry is WESTWARD Ho!—It will also be found valuable as a guide-book to the Emigrant, directing him to the location of friends gone before him.

The publishers desire to state that they are unable in this DIRECTORY to give general legitimate information regarding places of business, officers and departments of the Hudson's Bay Company, the officers in charge at Fort Garry having, for reasons best known to themselves, politely declined to afford us the information sought for the purposes of the DIRECTORY, neither have we received from them the slightest encouragement in our enterprise. With this exception, we have no hesitation in stating that the DIRECTORY of MANITOBA will be found complete and accurate, and, for the assistance we have received in accomplishing this, it is alike a duty and a pleasure on the part of the publishers to return their grateful thanks to the following gentlemen who were kind enough to interest themselves in promoting the success of this the First volume of a MANITOBA DIRECTORY.

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