

I had occasion to notice generous and public-spirited acts on the part of former citizens. Since those remarks were written, the whole world has been called on to admire the splendid gift to the city, in commemoration of the Queen's Jubilee, of Sir George Stephen and Sir Donald A. Smith, of \$1,000,000 for Hospital purposes.

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I trust this volume may be deemed worthy of a place on the shelves of citizens generally, irrespective of creed, as containing information regarding the century, 1786 to 1886, that they would all wish to possess and preserve. It is only in a loose sense that the narrative can be called a "history." It would more accurately be designated a collection of raw materials, some of which may be useful to the historian ; but such as it is, it is offered for the candid perusal of the public. The first issue of the volume is