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THE Undersigned has much pleasure in laying before the Public the NEWFOUNDLAND ALMANAC FOR THE YEAR OF OUR LORD 1868, and hopes that due consideration will be made for such imperfections or inaccuracies as may be found in its pages. He has spared neither labor nor expense to make it a useful book of reference, and trusts it will be found equal if not superior to its predecessors.

In addition to the information usually embraced in the pages of THE ALMANAC, there is added to the present Number a concise BUSINESS DIRECTORY for the three principal towns of the Colony—St. John's, Harbor Grace, and Carbonear; and as it is intended that the ALMANAC will be extensively circulated out of Newfoundland, by having copies placed on the tables of the principal Exchange Reading Rooms in the leading Cities and Commercial Towns of Great Britain, the United States, and the Dominion of Canada, the information embodied in THE DIRECTORY cannot fail to be useful to all who have an interest in the Trade and Commercial Relations of this Colony.

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JOSEPH WOODS,

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