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PREFACE.

The Compiler and Publisher in presenting the first edition of the St. Catharines General and Business Directory, and the Business Directory of Thorold and Merriton, to the public, would say that, neither trouble nor expense have been spared to make it as complete and accurate as possible. Being the first work of the kind attempted, of course greater difficulty was experienced in perfecting it, and he therefore trusts that any little mistakes which may be discovered will be condoned by the promise of doing better next time.

The publisher is indebted to his friends for their liberal patronage of the Directory, for which he returns his most sincere thanks, as well to those gentlemen who have furnished him with information bearing upon the important work he had in hand. For many of the facts contained in the Historical Account of St. Catharines he is indebted to J. P. Merritt, Esq., whose fund of local knowledge is as great, perhaps as that of any other resident. The Publisher has inaugurated a work which he feels assured will prove of great benefit to all business men, and which will, beyond doubt, be carried at such intervals as the wants of the district may demand.

J. HORWITZ,

Compiler and Publisher.

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