

## PREFACE

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It is with much satisfaction that I am able to complete this series of Monographs which were designed to cover the various phases of the historical geography of New Brunswick. The study has been necessarily almost entirely archaeological, dealing with matters often of small moment in themselves, but possessed of a dignity as an integral part of a worthy subject. I feel with Churchyard, who said over four centuries ago,—“I study to bring forth some acceptable work: not striving to shew any rare invention that passeth a man's capacity, but to utter and receive matter of some moment known and talked of long ago, yet over long hath been buried, and, as it seemed, lain dead, for any fruit it hath shewed in the memory of man.” I thoroughly believe that in local history it is the archaeological phases which are of greatest interest to the most people, and that these form the best links to connect the intangible past with the visible present. Our local historians would be wise did they but make more use of them. These studies may serve to aid the New Brunswick historian of the future even should I not be able, as I hope I may, to make further use of them myself.

My mode of treatment of the subject, in separate and widely spaced papers, though excused by necessity, has had decided drawbacks. Thus it has involved some repetition, and the present cumbersome supplement. And besides, my classification of the materials is, I see now, needlessly complex, especially in the Historic Sites and Settlements Monographs. The student therefore may have difficulty in finding special items he may seek, and I advise him not to yield to discouragement if a desired subject is not found where he looks first. Furthermore, I am now trying to render him a certain, even if somewhat belated aid in this respect. First, the Additions and Corrections forming the final paper match page for page with the original monographs, and give a good many cross references. The reader in using the papers, should always consult the original monograph and the supplement together page for page. Second, I have added a full table of contents which in a general way may to some extent replace an index of subjects. All of those who possess separate copies of the Monographs, and who may think them worth binding together will find it best to place the accompanying Title-page, this preface and the following Table of Contents at the beginning