

PREFACE.

IN presenting this edition of the HAMILTON CITY DIRECTORY, the Publisher desires to tender his grateful acknowledgement for the courtesies extended to his agents in collecting the necessary information for the work, as well as for the *material aid* which has been afforded by the business men, and earnestly hopes that this volume will meet with their expectations and approval, and prove a reliable index to the business interests of the city.

One great obstacle met with in the compilation of the work, has been the want of numbers in the different Streets of the City. Every effort has been made to have the whole work correct and reliable even in detail. However that degree of perfection that would insure *entire accuracy* is not claimed by the Publisher, and he trusts that whatever inaccuracies may be found, will be overlooked, as it is impossible to have works of such a character *entirely free* from omissions or errors.

The Hamilton Directory is purely a work of Home Production. The canvass for the work has been made by residents of the City. The paper bought at the establishment of J. BUNTIN & Co. The *typographical* execution of the work by DONNELLEY & LAWSON, and the binding by HAIGH & SMILEY; as far as the manufacture of the book is concerned, each department bespeaks the taste and ability displayed in it.

The work is also indebted to Mr. John Jacques for a very full sketch of the City, and its general business interests. The Publisher has now in preparation the CANADA DIRECTORY, which will be issued early in the ensuing year.

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