

PREFACE.

IN presenting this volume—my first Edition—of "HOPE TOWNSHIP DIRECTORY" to the public, I would state that the work was undertaken at the solicitation of several prominent business men of Port Hope, who have for some time felt the want of a reference of this description.

It would be inappropriate to introduce here elaborate prefatory matter, in a work so inconsiderable as this. In view of this fact, I beg leave to employ the space usually allotted to this part of the business, to return my sincere thanks to those gentlemen who, by their advertising and subscription patronage, have enabled me to complete the undertaking upon which I embarked; also to MYNDERT HARRIS, Esq., and others, to whom I am indebted for valuable historical information in connection with the early settlement of the Township.

It would, perhaps, be too much for me to assert that the work is entirely free from errors, as this could scarcely be said of any publication of the kind ever published. Every care has been taken to render the references as complete and accurate as possible, and, should errors be discovered, I respectfully ask that a considerate allowance be made for the same, for however ardently we may aspire at perfection, it is rarely attained.

With these explanations, I submit the work to the public, in the hope that it will receive that approbation of which I have endeavored to make it worthy.

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