

## PREFACE.

For many years I had been watching with great interest the progress of Agriculture in these Atlantic Provinces, and in some degree had been identified with its advance. When age and failing health compelled me to give up the more strenuous life of the farm, as a means of passing the time more quickly and profitably, I turned my attention to putting in more permanent form some of the steps by which this development had been brought about.

It is not necessary to say that the work could have been done much better by some one more gifted and more painstaking. I do not, however, intend to make any apology further than to say that the repetition of some facts and dates that the reader may notice, is due in part to the fact that the work was laid aside for weeks and sometimes months at a time during the course of its preparation.

As will be noticed the book is largely a compilation and was written by a farmer for farmers; and if it finds a welcome in the homes of a comparatively small number of the hundred thousand farmers of the Atlantic Provinces, the writer will be more than satisfied.

Some pictures of those connected with agriculture have been inserted. That of Mr. John Young, (Agricola) has not, so far as I know, been placed before the public before. The portrait of Mr. Young was found for this work after much search, by Mr. W. C. Milner, of Halifax. To Mr. Milner and all others who have given me assistance directly or indirectly I extend my hearty thanks.

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