

NOTICE.

THIS volume terminates an undertaking which, whatever critics and the fastidious in literature may think of it, has cost considerable labour and time, without any expectation, nor indeed desire, of a pecuniary return. It is, and from the commencement was, intended as a votive offering by a native colonist of a neighbouring province to that of his adoption, and will be found a faithful record of the principal political matters in LOWER CANADA, during the FIFTY YEARS of its existence as a separate province and government. The whole, or nearly so, has been gathered from official or authentic documents, and where these were not to be had, from such other sources as seemed fully entitled to credit. The reader, it is hoped, will find the various subjects brought under his notice, detailed in a clear and intelligible order, *sans fard*, and as the writer can conscientiously vouch they have been, *sans fiel*, fear, favor, affection, or resentment towards any political party, partisan, or person whomsoever, living or dead. Some of the details given in this, as in the preceding volumes, will no doubt be deemed prolix and perhaps unnecessary. We who have witnessed the more recent events of stirring interest in our career,