

PREFACE TO FIRST EDITION.

TO THE INHABITANTS OF THE COUNTY OF LUNENBURG :

I have for some time given to the preparation of the following history of my native county, the leisure left me by my professional and public duties.

I am indebted for information to the works of Haliburton, Dawson, Murdoch, Aikins, and others ; and to important public and private documents. I have examined all the places of special historic interest referred to, and heard from the lips of many of the most aged residents, four of whom have attained respectively to ninety-five, ninety-six, ninety-eight, and over one hundred years, their personal recollections, and statements made to them by their ancestors.

To each one who shall peruse the work, I beg to say, in the words of an ancient author, "I wish thee as much pleasure in the reading as I had in the writing."

I am, your Friend and Representative,

MATHER B. DESBRISAY.

BRIDGEWATER, LA HAVRE, *February*, 1870.