

## PREFACE.

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Twenty years ago, a Directory and Gazetteer of the Eastern Townships was issued from THE NEWS office. It proved to be a work of great utility to the business and professional community, and even to this day by many persons is preserved as a book of reference. However, to a great extent, its usefulness is gone, and inasmuch as no other comprehensive Directory of that part of the country has since been attempted, the publisher of the first Directory of the Townships determined upon putting forth a new edition of that work, but on a somewhat different basis.

The volume herewith presented is shorn of some of the features of the original publication. It is simply a Directory, without any claims to be a gazetteer of general information; but as a practical guide its scope has been enlarged, and the names of farmers, as well as of mercantile, professional men, &c., are included in its pages.

This Directory has been compiled at great labor and much expense. The utmost pains have been taken to ensure correctness, and it is presented to the public with the hope and confidence that it will be to them an invaluable and reliable book of reference of one of the most important and progressive sections of the Dominion of Canada.

THE PUBLISHER.

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