PREFACE.

The letters and diaries here given are all genuine. Were it not so, they would detract from any interest the little tale may have as a mere narrative; and, being matters of fact, it seems best to insert them, since this page of history is one not open to many.

Those who desire to read more on the subject will find a full account of the two revolts under Riel in Major Boulton's "Reminiscences of the North-West Rebellions" (Toronto: Grip Co.); and in Lord Wolseley's Articles on the "Red River Expedition," in *Blackwood*, 1870, they will find an admirable *résumé* of the former of the two risings.

The story of the Red House and its inmates is fictitious, though founded on fact.

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Kemerton, July, 1896.



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