

PREFACE.

In submitting a Pocket Directory of the Town of Aylmer, accompanied by an Early History of Aylmer and Vicinity, and Subsequent Progress, the publisher is desirous of returning sincere thanks to those who, by their liberal advertising and subscription patronage, have afforded material assistance in the enterprise; and, also, to those ladies and gentlemen who kindly furnished a great portion of the necessary information required for the compiling of the work.

The correct compiling of a book, such as now submitted, is an undertaking of considerable difficulty, and even with the most diligent care, errors, both of omission and commission, and typographical slips incidental to all publications, have undoubtedly attended our labors, more especially as at the outset we had intended to only issue a Directory and historical sketch upon a brief style, at merely a nominal price; but before we had completed such items as we desired to mention, even though omitting numerous interesting facts, we found the work assuming nearly double the proportions we had suspected, and altogether too extensive for the small price asked. However, our patrons are the gainers, and they have the power to somewhat remunerate us by assisting in the speedy sale of the entire edition.

The Street Map accompanying the work does not comprise the whole of the new territory lately acquired by the Town, from the fact that the streets had not been named, and the new map was not in the hands of the Town Clerk for us to make a draft from; but in the near future, when all the streets are properly laid out and the houses numbered, we hope to have the opportunity of issuing another work of a similar character, considerably larger, and with more time and care. We hope, therefore, the defects of this issue will be charitably overlooked and a good-speed advanced for our next venture.

Yours respectfully,

M. L. Aldrich.

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