

INTRODUCTORY ADDRESS.

In placing the second Volume of his "QUEBEC DIRECTORY, AND CITY AND COMMERCIAL REGISTER" before the Public, the Compiler desires to acknowledge his deep sense of the honor which has been repeatedly conferred upon him by his fellow citizens in their acknowledgement and approbation of his former publications relating to this renowned City.

It is always gratifying to receive the approval of ones fellow Men, and the hope that the present production will at least be useful, has been the chief inducement of the Compiler to undertake the task; for sooth, to say, the profits have as yet been none—not, be it understood, for want of the patronage of the Quebec Public for that has been most generous, but from the absence of honorable conduct in those connected with former publications, in whom he had placed confidence.

In submitting his design of publishing the present Volume, the Compiler is proud to say, that in filling his subscription List upwards of 800 names were placed upon it in a few days.

For any errors or omissions that may be observed in the Volume: he has only to say, that he trusts they will be good naturedly overlooked, for indeed their are few publications of the nature of the present one, which can under any circumstances be entirely correct.

In fine, the compilation of the work has been a task of no ordinary labour, more especially as it has been confined entirely to the exertions of the compiler himself.

The Compiler desires to acknowledge his many obligations to Joseph Hamel, Esquire, City Surveyor, for the very valuable assistance he has at all times most readily and willingly accorded to him on former as well as on the present occasion.

To the Mayor and Corporation of the City, the Compiler also begs to return his best thanks for the unanimous encouragement which has been frequently and unreservedly bestowed upon him.

ALFRED HAWKINS,

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