

## Prefatory.

**B**ELIEVING there are thousands of people in Canada, the United States and Great Britain, who are not quite satisfied with their present environments, and who would gladly change their location if they could find some place more suited to their wants and ambitions. It is for persons in this condition, and who are reaching out for information, just such as we offer, that this pamphlet was compiled; and while we are fully aware that all we can crowd into these pages will not nearly suffice to tell of all the advantages the Town of Collingwood offers to the ambitious young business man who possesses a small capital and an abundance of PUSH, it is promised that what information is tendered is such as may be relied upon as being in strict accordance with facts.

Located as Collingwood is, in one of the wealthiest portions of Ontario, and in the direct line of travel from the great North West and the Atlantic seaboard; within seventy miles of the rich and populous city of Toronto, and only 118 miles from Hamilton; at the Eastern limit of Lake Huron, and possessing a magnificent bay and harbor, it does not require any extraordinary mental acumen to feel convinced that sooner or later the town must become a place of considerable importance, and it is safe to say that in all human probability, and by a course of natural development, the boy is now going to school who will see the census of this town figure up to a round 100,000 inhabitants.

Collingwood, by virtue of its position, occupies the same relation to Toronto and Montreal that Buffalo, in the State of New York, does to the City of New York and Boston. Buffalo was made great by the country north-west of it, plus the energy and enterprise of its inhabitants. Collingwood will be made a great city by the same causes. Every emigrant and settler that goes to the North-West becomes a factor in the prosperity of this town, and as the North-West must soon be fairly settled, it follows, as night follows day, that our prosperity and influence will be advanced proportionately.

Our waterways and railroad connections in all directions, make this an attractive point for the investment of capital, equal, if not superior, to any other part of the Dominion, and as a distributing point for all descriptions of manufactured goods, our position is assured, as the reader, both at home and abroad, will realize, after a careful perusal of the few brief sketches we give of some of the most important, prosperous and honorable business houses here located.

F. T. H.

Collingwood, May 30th, 1894.