



PREFACE.

THE Publishers in placing before the public their eighth edition of the Halifax City Directory, can state as usual that neither pains nor expense has been spared to make it reliable, as much so as it is possible to make such a work.

There are no doubt errors that have crept in as in every year which it is not possible to avoid, there are some few discrepancies which the publishers hope the public will look over as they have done in the past. The Street Directory will be found as correct as it could be made, some streets yet require numbering.

The Publishers having met with a loss by the St. John fire, and having to look after their business in that city, the publication of this work has been delayed thereby, but next year they hope to have the Directory issued about the first in July.

The Historical Sketch of Halifax in 1877 will be almost similar to last year; a sketch of the names of the streets and from whence they derived their names, although not complete, the publishers would recommend the public to peruse it, and if not correct, or any further information they (the public) could give either for streets named or those not named, would be thankfully received by the publishers for the Directory of 1878-79. To the supporters of this work we return our sincere thanks, especially so as it has been a trying season of depression.

In conclusion the publishers would state that the circulation has fallen off this year most especially from the support of advertisements which is required to make this work pay its running expenses like all similar works or newspapers, they require a large amount of advertisements to keep them alive which the sale of the paper or books alone would not do. As the publishers of this work are the only parties who have published Directories in the Maritime Provinces for the last twelve years and sometimes at a loss, and as they intend to continue publishing even at a loss, they hope the public will consider their position and support the work more largely for the ensuing years.