

PREFACE.

THE first edition of the "County of Halton Gazetteer and Directory" is here presented to the public, with that degree of diffidence which a profound anxiety with regard to its thoroughness, accuracy and general usefulness would naturally occasion in the mind of its author, and yet with the consciousness that every effort has been made to ensure its fullest efficiency.

In the preparation of the book every care has been taken to meet, as far as possible, the wants of all classes of the community; and with this end in view, in addition to the alphabetical list of residents of the several towns and villages, full and complete list of farmers in each township has been given.

It is believed that the book will be found as accurate as works of this character usually are, and taking into consideration the many sources from which information had to be obtained, the compiler would ask the kind indulgence of its many patrons and the public to overlook any omissions or errors that may be found in its pages.

The printing and binding were executed at the Steam Printing House of Messrs. A. Lawson & Co., King Street West, Hamilton, and in mechanical appearance will compare favorably with any similar book published in the Province of Ontario. The embossed covers were done at the establishment of Mr. Richard Haigh, Hamilton.

The Compiler desires to present his acknowledgements to the Press of the County, to Wm. Pantou, Esq., County Clerk, and other gentlemen for the facilities afforded him and kindness experienced at their hands in giving every information in their power.

To the subscribers and advertisers is especial gratitude due for the very liberal support given the enterprise.

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