

INTRODUCTION.



BEAUTIFUL of situation, rich in historic association, and year by year advancing in commercial and industrial importance, it is fitting that the CITY OF HALIFAX should have such a souvenir of its progressive march as this book proposes to be. Known as is the name of the city in every quarter of the world, year after year the pilgrimage of strangers increases. These depart to tell in other lands of the beauties of the city, and of its fitness in location, climate, and all else, to be a great summer resort.

Each season is repeated the inquiry for some souvenir of the city beyond what mere photographs or ordinary guide books can supply. An album, combining the best class of views with a sketch of the chief attractions should supply the long-recognized want, and such a work it is the aim of the present publisher to supply.

To deal with the city from the standpoint of history, and to do even scant justice to its record in trade, in commerce, or to adequately describe all that is of interest within and around its gates, would be a task far beyond the scope of this work. The most that can be undertaken is to use careful judgment in selecting from such a wealth of material enough to give a stranger a good general idea of what Halifax is like. When this is done, those who read will want to come and see more, while those who depart will want to carry with them a book which is a pleasant reminder of what they have seen and enjoyed.

To this end every effort has been made to have the best available selection of views, and a letter-press account that will sufficiently tell what is to be told, without going into the matter with unnecessary details. The idea is to have a readable book, as well as one so illustrated that its value will be apparent at a glance.

This idea the publisher believes will be found carried out in the following pages, and that the souvenir will be valued by citizen and stranger alike, as a work which will give in brief form, yet clearly, a picture of Halifax and its surroundings as they are to-day.

— W. H. HOWARD.