

the effect of lessening the number of names appearing in this Edition as compared with the previous year, by 2,000; and has also, with other causes, resulted in a diminution to the Subscription List.

The Publisher regrets the causes that have led to this much more seriously than the actual loss he sustains thereby, and trusts during the coming year the misfortune will be remedied, and that 1868 will find Quebec prosperous, and her absent population returned to their homes and avocations, contributing by their skill and labor to the material prosperity of the Ancient Capital.

With Quebec prosperous, he is satisfied his efforts will receive a corresponding positive encouragement. The Publisher feels in the production of his work he has so identified himself with the fortunes of Quebec, that his labors have been so appreciated that he can depend upon the further support of its citizens, and expect to share in their prosperity, in the future.