
PREFACE

SOME time ago, a friend suggested the idea of my chronicling events relating to Quebec covering a period within the past century. I reluctantly accepted the task, as I realized that it would necessitate considerable labor to attain the object in view, even in a small degree. However, without any particular flourish of words, and without pretending that the effort should be a literary one, I began to compile "QUEBEC 'TWIN OLD AND NEW" in the hope that the series of happenings and other subjects covered may be found of interest. My particular desire, however, is to make this volume one of living memories, as far as possible, either those of my own recollection for some fifty odd years, or of older people, with whom I am personally acquainted, and whose reminiscences I have verified and completed wherever possible from original sources.

These straggling stories, after all, are but a summary of the long ago or near past, without any attempt or even desire to deal with the subjects too extensively. The idea is to give an insight into the conditions prevailing and the occurrences during