

PREFACE.

IN presenting the first volume of the Montreal Directory to the public, the proprietors think a few words, in the way of introduction, may not be amiss. Of the necessity of the work, there has been generally but one opinion, and that decidedly favourable.

In an undertaking of the kind, with a population so mixed as that of Montreal, it is hardly to be expected that the first volume will be found so perfect and accurate as could have been wished. But the proprietors hope that a reasonable degree of allowance will be made for errors, and that there will be found in the book, as a whole, such an amount of information, presented in such a form, as will render it both useful and interesting.

For himself, the Editor would say, that whatever defects may exist (typographical errors excepted,) are justly chargeable to him alone, as the arrangement of the work throughout is entirely his own.

Some errors, he is aware, have crept in, owing to circumstances which in future volumes will be strictly guarded against, and, as far as they have been discovered, means to correct them have been taken, both by an Errata, (which see,)