

PREFACE.

The hill in Lundy's Lane,—most appropriately known to us as "Drummond Hill"—has a history which epitomizes the story of the Niagara peninsula from the days of the earliest settlement to the ever-advancing present. To give it fully were impossible. The mist of years has crept across the page and many a line is washed away. We trace but little of the early days,—a name here, a date there,—and lest these, too, elude our grasp, shall we not, as a duty to our land and children, record them anew to save and hold dear?

The present work is not offered as a text-book of Canadian history, nor a guide-book to the battle-field. It is merely the outcome of an effort to collect some scattered fragments of local history and present them in a form which, it is hoped, will meet with public approval and arouse some new interest in those men and women to whose lives and deeds we owe the foundation, preservation and development of a British Canada.

Ottawa, December 11, 1911.