

PREFACE TO THE REVISED EDITION.

IN the Chapter of Introduction I stated that "nothing would appear of which the writer was not an eye-witness," and that statement has been verified. In the present edition it is necessary to explain that the eighty additional pages contain, chiefly, accounts of the Indian and Colonial Exhibition and the celebration of the Queen's Jubilee, and I had hoped to have been present in England at either one or the other. Circumstances, however, over which I had no control, prevented me from seeing them, but what is given has been carefully selected from the most authentic sources, which are, however, so varicus as well as numerous, that it would be both tedious and unprofitable to credit them to their authors, especially as in weaving the web the original threads have in some instances changed their texture, though it is hoped without losing either their substance or their brilliancy. Being chiefly facts, however, and many, if not all, of a valuable character, the success of the first edition leads me to hope the present will be found still more useful and interesting. Many of the incidents related previously are now even more appropriate, having much in relation to the life and history of Her Majesty the Queen, from personal knowledge, although at the time not written with any view to the present Jubilee celebration.

The progress of Toronto during the past year has had a full share of attention, and the statistics as to its growth and prosperity as a Commercial and Manufacturing Centre which are given, cannot fail to interest everyone who is loyal to the fair City of Toronto.

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