

PREFACE.

IN preparing this book for the public I have not attempted to give a full account of the war in South Africa, but have merely endeavored to outline the career of the First Canadian Contingent engaged in the campaign—with special reference to the volunteers from the Maritime Provinces. The material for the work has been taken from official reports, published correspondence, and to a large extent from private letters written by my brother on the field.

The work has been appreciated far beyond my expectations, and the demand has been so great that a second edition is called for at this early date. The reviewers in the different papers have been most complimentary. To these writers, as well as to Lord Strathcona for his generous subscription, and to all who have in any way helped to make my little work a success, I here extend my heartfelt thanks.

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