



PREFACE.



THE object of this little story is to tell the tale of the revolt of the Indians and half-breeds in 1885, under Louis Riel, with the aim of getting what the half-breeds held to be their rights in the distribution of Reserve lands by Government. The events are drawn from contemporary papers; and the facts of the struggle, so far as given here, are strictly true (though all the skirmishes are not mentioned),—with this exception, that the name of the worthy agent, Maclean, at Fort Pitt, is changed, and his family—a numerous one—are not all spoken of. But the valour and pious courage shown by him, his wife, and daughters, are matters of history. The son of Charles Dickens was, as here stated, the Inspector of Police at Fort Pitt at the time.