

selected from the writings of others, it seems scarcely necessary to apologize for the free use the compiler made of the works of his predecessors. Moreover, very often by modifying the text to give a rule sometimes clearer, sometimes more precise, we thought it no longer necessary to mention the names of their authors after the rules given. Let us acknowledge however, that for the general plan, we followed the excellent grammar of Leclair, and selected materials from the well known writings of Brown, Fleming, Kerl, Maurel, Lennie, Cobbet, etc., etc.

Before closing this introduction, let us say, that the author of this book, had no interest in it, but simply wished to be useful to his young French-Canadian friends, and to help those who are employed in their education. May this book procure the greater glory of God, and the welfare of our dear French-Canadian youth.