

#### PREFATORY NOTE.

The Battle of the Plains of Abraham, fought on the 13th of September, 1759—the most memorable date in the history of Canada—has been variously described by our many historians ; and it is no purpose of this *brochure* to enter into the causes which led to the engagement, or to give any continuous narrative of the whole of the fourth siege of Quebec. The introductory paragraphs are confined to the topography of the scene of the battle, providing the outlines of an observation lesson to the visitor or to the young student of Canadian history ; while the remaining pages contain a description in verse which has for its object the emphasizing of the heroic shock of the battle, and the romantic and immortal fate of the two opposing generals who took part in it.