

## PREFACE.

A WISH HAVING been expressed for the publication, in a revised and authentic form, of the following Address on the Hudson's Bay Company, I have reproduced, as near as memory served me, the portions that were actually delivered. But, I have also added several points which I intended to bring forward, but forbore, from an anxiety not to trespass upon the time of the audience—the busy men of the busiest city in the world at a still busy period of the day.

The principal authorities (independent of some private informants on whose accuracy I could rely), from which I have drawn my facts, are the following:—

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