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AND IN WHOSE WELFARE HE TAKES SO DEEP AN
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RESPECTFULLY DEDICATED

BY

THE AUTHOR.

PREFACE.

THE essential pre-requisite of a rational patriotism, is an intelligent acquaintance with the history of one's country. To supply the means of making that acquaintance has been for years the cherished purpose of the writer. After long-continued and careful labour, in which no pains have been spared, this volume is submitted to the public.

The author has endeavoured to describe, in as full detail as his prescribed limits of space would permit, the picturesque incidents of the early history of Canada; the stirring episodes of its military conflicts; and the important events leading to and following the confederation of the British North American Provinces. The growth of the principles of civil liberty and the development of the Canadian Constitution will, it is hoped, be found impartially traced in these pages.

The history of the maritime provinces, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and Prince Edward Island, together with that of the newer provinces of the Northwest and the Pacific coast, as well as that of Old Canada, has been given as fully as possible. The contemporary history of the Empire, and of foreign countries, where it

is intimately connected with that of Canada, has been interwoven with the text.

The writer has made copious use of the best existing sources of information, embracing original documents in French and English, parliamentary reports, newspaper files representing the views of all political parties, and many printed volumes. He has endeavoured to observe strict impartiality, and trusts that he has succeeded in doing so, even in treading upon the delicate ground of recent political events.

The particular attention of the reader is directed to the carefully prepared map which accompanies this volume, without the use of which, the important geographical relations of places and events cannot be understood. A copious index has been considered essential to the completeness of the work.

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