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## PREFACE.

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Good wine requires no bush; and the most luxuriant foliage would fail to add zest to an indifferent vintage. Hence any thing by way of prologue to the following discursive pages could only be regarded as an act of supererogation.

The author would simply crave license to observe in reference to the tale of "Count or Counterfeit," that its object is to ridicule the inordinate lust for the perusal of slip-slop romances, which so signally prevails at present in "this Canada." Truly alarming is the

extent of the epidemic, and unless checked, it cannot fail to visit the rising generation with psychologic emasculation and discrepitness.