

This chronology of the Fewster Family was written to commemorate the seventy-fifth reunion of the Fewster family. A picnic gathering to renew acquaintances, has been held annually, with exception of four war-time years, since 1902. In respect of our forefathers, I have dedicated my efforts and enthusiasm in preparing this book to the dedication with which they pioneered and established 'family roots' in Canada.

In compiling the facts, photographs and anecdotes which were available to me, an attempt was made to produce not only a comprehensive and interesting history of the families of Robert and William Fewster, but also an informative disclosure of our early ancestry in England. With respect to any family history of this type, in which the quality of information depends largely on the accuracy of peoples' memories, errors are certain to occur. Therefore, it must be assumed that in many instances, dates of events could err by a year or two.

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