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Editors and Proprietors.

We ask the indulgence of our patrons, for any defects which may be noticeable in the printing of this issue of THE DISPATCH. We had announced that the paper would appear on the 6th of June, and in spite of the necessary delays in starting a new paper, have fulfilled our promise. In order to do this, we have been working steadily. It invariably takes time to become thoroughly acquainted with new machinery, and if this issue is not as well printed as we expected, and the public also expected, it is due to the fact that we have had much to do and not as much time in which to do it as we would have wished. Our next issue will, we hope, present a better appearance than that which we put out this morning.

#### INAUGURAL.

In making our bow to the public of Woodstock, Carleton County, and New Brunswick, we think no apology for our appearance necessary. We are of the opinion that there is room in this town and county for such a paper as we intend to present to our readers; if we did not think so, Vol. 1, No. 1 of THE DIS-PATCH would not now be in the hands of the public.

We think that Woodstock is the brightest and smartest town in the province, that its business is transacted on a sound basis, and in a way creditable to its merchants, manufacturers and business men generally. It is our purpose to keep outsiders well informed of the business enterprise of Woodstockers, and of the certainty of Woodstock continuing to prosper in its future as in its past.

Carleton County is the acknowledged garden county of New Brunswick, and the peer of any county in the Dominion, not excepting the fertile sections of western Ontario. Half of the richness of this county has not yet been told, and we will, in our humble wav, endeavor to enlighten all, willing or unwil-

keep in view the interests of Woodstock, Carleton County, and the upper St. John country.

We will strive to give our patrons the latest intelligence on affairs transpiring around town. Arrangements have been made with reliable correspondents throughout the county to keep us posted in county

A good condensation of Provincial, Dominion and general news will be a feature of the

In dealing with matters political, we will strive to be fair and independant, but by no means neutral. A number of our friends have very kindly anticipated the stand we will take in politics. As they undoubtedly know more about the matter than we, ourselves do, it would be presumption on our part to criticise their opinions. We beg leave to say that we are not "hankering" after politics, and/we note that politics has done little good to this town and county. Its effect on some of our best citizens has not been to increase their popularity, to improve their digestion, to sweeten their temper, or to fatten their purses.

This we will say, that in reporting meetings, political or other, we will give a fair summary of what is done, and the political or religious complexion of the meeting will Marth in no way affect the report. Our reports States. will be impartial, and where comment is River from ssary, the editorial columns will be the but the ancho, for that comment.

Meanwhile, will keep a sharp eye on doings in the Morse had endean and Provincial Legislatures, in of Congress in estaty and town councils, and, when graph line between will not be deterred by fear or Rebuff and failurem speaking the truth boldly.

1843, when John are times, undoubtedly, when a ments to test theper must take a pronounced stand on met, even at thaffairs, and speak plainly on questions and various molic policy, but life is not worth living, with each othe by reason of the sweetness of politics, It was compa the enchantment of political squabbles. which were HE DISPATCH will neither be of the man rep good Lord, good devil," nor of the "doganalys like fidelity to party" class of newspapers.

It has been asked "who is backing the new paper?" The only backers are the publishers whose names appear in this issue. But-we retract-the majority of the good. business men of the town and county have given the publishers that hearty backing they are always ready to extend to deserving enterprise. Very soon it will be the proud boast of THE DISPATCH, that is backed by the people of the entire county of Carleton. And now in couclusion, as the preachers say. we cannot do better than quote the words of ed Mr. Tromas Carlyle :and critical capacity, A POOR KIND OF BOAST.

"Devastation and ruin are the only words to express the awful calamity in the Fraser Valley country," writes a correspondent, of the floods which are destroying life and property in British Columbia.

People who believe in the special intervention of Providence, may not unreasonably conclude that we, Canadians, are in a fair way of being punished for our much boasting.

The remark is very often heard, "Well, we are not a rich people, but we have no tornados, no earthquakes, no cyclones, and no floods," implying that if as a country we have small treasure on earth, we are, anyway, the happy objects of special Providential favors. The better and safer plan for us to pursue, is to be thankful quietly, and to avoid the mere suspicion of boastfulness.

A cyclone visited Ottawa not very long ago, tearing down houses, breaking off church steeples, and killing young children. A flood is now raging in our western province, carry-

ing death and destruction in its path. We had better, henceforth, be careful of all boasting of our freedom from the violences of nature. We are not such a supremely moral and good people, that cyclones and floods will pass over us because of our virtue and piety, to visit people more wicked and corrupt.

#### The North British and Mercantile.

The year 1893 will be a notable one in the history of fire underwriting as being, it is hoped, the culmination of a series of unfavorable years for companies generally all the world over. While the above company has not escaped the common experience, unlike many of its competitors, it has emerged from a year of flames in such a condition as to be able to declare a dividend of \$550,000, which is at the same rate as in 1892, viz.: of \$5 per share. That the company was able to announce such a satisfactory result after such a trying time is a speaking commentary upon the stability of its resources and the wisdom of its management in so conserving them in the past as to bear the strain imposed upon them without affecting the dividends. The fire experience of the past twelve months can only have one effect upon the public, and that is to confirm their confidence in such institutions as the North British and Mercantile, and to increase their appreciation of the protection they afford.

In the fire branch the net premiums, although slightly less than in the preceding year, owing possibly to an elimination of unprofitable risks, amounting to no less than \$7,236,950, a striking indication of the magnitude of the company's operations and of the prominent place it holds in the front ranks of the world's fire insurance companies. The In all that we shall have to say, we will net losses, which amounted to \$5,250,920, were at a somewhat higher ratio than in 1892. but it is gratifying to note the statement made at the annual meeting that the losses this year so far are \$430,000 less than for the same period in the preceding year; . and it is expected that with the return to a more normal condition of the fire hazard, of which there is good prospect, and a re-organization of the Company's business in the less profitable parts, a much better showing will be reported for the current twelve months. The total fire insurance fund at the close of the year, including a dividend reserve of \$750,000 and \$497,205, balance carried forward, aggregated \$11,409,520, which, together with the paid up capital of \$3,437,500, constitutes a splendid security to the policyholders. The fire business of the Company in Canada is the second largest of any in the field, the amount at risk at the end of the year being \$52,626,-021, the premiums received \$404,544, and the losses paid \$334,930.

The general balance sheet shows that the paid-up capital and fire assets aggregate \$16 773,085, the life and annuity assets \$41,10, 280, giving a grand total of \$57,876,365./Of this amount nearly \$5,000,000 is invest/! in Canada in real estate, loans thereon, cocks, bonds, etc., showing in a practical wy the confidence the company has in Canda as a field for insurance and the inverment of capital. With such a stake in the country, and an enviable record for honor ole dealing, liberal treatment and progressive methods, the company well deserves thepatronage and popularity it has won in the Dominion. To its capable and popular managing director, Mr. Thomas Davidson, the Company owes much its local progress and popularity. The managing director has an able lieutenant in his son, Mr. Randall Davidson, who is snpe intendent and acting manager during his fother's absence.

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Lt Col. Lazier, commanding the 15th Battalion, Belleville, Ont., has been dismissed by General Herbert. In today's Canada Gazette his name removed from the list. This will cause a big row n volunteer circles and also in Parliament, owing o the circumstances. Col Lazier last autumn wanted the inspection of his corps postponed because he had interrupted the drill in order to comply with the request of Mr. Corby, M. P., for the use of the drill hall for a big Conservative demonstration in honor of Sir John Thompson and nearly all the cabinet. Another reason was that as Master-in-Chancery Col. Lazier was due in court at Napanee on the day fixed for the inspection. General Herbert was obstinate, however, and refused to postpore the inspection. Col Lazier announced that he would risign but General Herbert has apparently intended humiliating him by refusing to accept his resignation and dismissing him and taking away his rank. Lazier is a man of great influence in Belleville, a leading supporter of of the Conservative member, Corby, and for thirty years connected with the battalion. His dismissal will cause a military sensation.

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