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THE DISPATCH HAS A BIRTH-DAY.

With the issue of the 29th, of May, THE DISPATCH was just one year old. It has been a prosperous year; the merchants of the town and county have been generous in their advertisting patronage, and the public generally have shown their appreciation of our endeavours to make a bright and readable paper, by subscribing, and, better than that, by paying their subscriptions promptly. The circulation of THE DISPATCH has grown from nothing, to eleven hundred, and in our second year we hope not only to retain all our old subscribers, but to add another eleven hundred to our list.

The political attitude which THE DISPATCH has maintained during the past year will be its attitude in the coming year, and it is to be hoped during all its future; An attitude of independence in all things, with a judgment unwarped by the receipt of government or party patronage.

We have met with the greatest kindness from men of every phase of political opinion, and every religious belief represented in the county; in fact all classes and conditions of men and women have treated us well. The young men particularly have shown a marked disposition to give THE DISPATCH an opportunity to succeed.

We extend our very heartiest thanks to our many warm friends and patrons, and now that it is an assured fact that THE DISPATCH is founded on a solid basis, we hope for even a wider patronage than has been accorded us in the past.

POST OFFICE MATTERS.

The report of the Postmaster General for the year ending 30th June, 1894, has come

Judge and Stenogapher. The lawyers and citizens generally in St. John were having a high old time over the enquiry made on the investigation of the attorney-general into the charge made by Judge Hannington that in a certain judgment given by him, in the matter of the street railway certain words had been added to the judgment alleged to have been said by him, but which as a matter of fact, he had not made use of. The enquiry was held in one of the rooms now included in the new Aberdeen hotel building, and was pretty well filled during the evidence.

Mr. C. W. Weldon, Q. C., was the commissioner before whom the case was tried. He looked every inch a judge, and an enthusiastic tory was heard to remark that saving his politics he would make a fine addition to the bench.

Mr. Fry was the stenographer who had taken the notes, and in his evidence he said that if it were true that he had inserted certain words in the judgment he might about as well committ suicide, as his services would never afterwards be sought. There was a great deal of cross firing between the judge and the attorney-general reminding those who heard it of old scenes in the legislature.

The following is a sample; taken from the report in the Globe:-Judge Hanington began to cross examine Mr. Allen, when Mr. Pugsley interrupted him. The Judge remarked that he did not like these interruptions; that they were not in the Legislature

M1. Pugsley-Neither are you.

Judge Hanington-I wish I was for about one week, or at the bar, and you would hear something you won't hear now.

Mr. Blair-You never accomplished very much in the Legislature and I don't see why you want to be there.

Judge Hanington here remarked to Mr. Weldon that he did not think he should be interrupted or talked to in this way, and Mr. Weldon asked the gentleman to confine themselves to examining the witnesses.

On another occasion Mr. Blair said if any one wanted an investigation as to his conduct he invited it.

Judge Hanington said he had no such desire.

Mr. Blair-I am ready to submit to any investigation.

Judge Hanington-Who said you were not. Mr. Blair-Before a judge hurries to the judgment seat and delivers himself in a manner which will convey an impression against the head of the bar of the province he should feel that he had some foundation for the aspersions he puts upon him. I should think a judge would be anxious to assure himself of the foundation on which he stood before he reflected not only on the bar but on the bench as well. Judge Hanington did not think Mr. Blair should make such aspersions upon the bench. He never sought an investigation as to the payment of the money. The Judge-I have had Mr. Blair's advice many a time before. The fact that I hold the position I do is the best guarantee that I have the confidence of the people. The office of attorney general was an important one, no matter who held it. Mr. Skinner remarked that the inquiry was anything but a limited one.



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to this office, and of course, while like all blue books, there is much in it that is as dry as dust, there are a number of items of much interest.

There were in operation in the Dominion on the 30th of June, 1894, 8,664 post offices, being an increase of 187 as compared with the number in existence on the 30th of June, 1893. The mail routes have been increased by the addition of 2,240 miles of new mail routes.

The extensions in the service to be noted took place mainly in the Northwest Territories and British Columbia.

There are some strange and not easily to be accounted for changes with respect to the business in registered letters. The number of registered letters sent in 1894-5 through the post office was 3,237,200, while in 1889 3,649,000 registered letters went through the post office. In the past ten years the registered letter seems to have been most popular in the years 1886, 1887, 1888 and 1889. 222 registered letters were trifled with during the year.

Some interesting information comes from the dead letter office. Altogether there were sent to the dead letter office, 1,036,853 letters, post cards, circulars. Of this number 95,-048 were sent to the dead letter office on acount of insufficient address, non-payment of postage, etc. The revenue from the post offices in 1894 as over the previous year was an excess of \$35,833. The net revenue was \$2,809,341.06; expenditure, \$3,517,261.61.

COMMERCIAL LICENSES.

A good deal of talk has been made over the custom prevailing in this town of demanding licenses from commercial travellers who come here to do business. The question in a larger form was raised the other day in the Imperial house of commons. Mr. Howard Vincent asked if it had come to the knowledge of the government that thousands of commercial travellers from the United States and from the continent were doing business in the United Kingdom. He asked if the board of trade would not confer with the chancellor of the exchequer as to the desirability of requiring these representatives of foreign houses to take out licenses. The president of the board of trade replied that licenses were impracticable, tending to provoke reprisals, and would thus be harmful to British interests. Moreover, as a free trader he was, of course, opposed to anything which would interfere with the free course of competition.

FAST TRAVELLING.

The Fort Fairfield Beacon says that under the new summer time table of the B. & A. road, one can leave Fort Fairfield at 7.30 m the morning, take dinner in Bangor, have two hours in which to do business and get home the same night at 9 o'clock. That is very well for speed, but it's no sign of a

Mr. Blair denied seeing any order asking that the money be paid to the solicitors and sent up to Judge Hanington for signature. The Judge—Did Mr. Pugsley show you

one?

I didn't see any such order. Mr. Pugsley says he showed the order to

you and that you approved of it. Mr. Pugsley and I discussed the matter of the liens. I did not agitate the payment of the money to the solicitors.

Mr. Blair then stated that he desired to get the whole matter straightened up, and asked Mr. Teed to get along as quickly as possible.

Mr. Pugsley returned to the stand to give his reasons for wanting to hurry the matter along. It was that the bondholders might get their money. The judge—Did you have a statement from

them ?

Mr. Blair and I knew what we had to do. Mr. Blair-I advertised in the New York Herald relative to the bondholders. It cost \$55, and the court would allow me nothing New for it. Judge Hanington-You never put in a bill.

Mr. Pugsley-the attorney general did ap-

prove of the substantial part of the order sent up by me.

The judge-Then after my refusal to give the order you drew the money. Have you distributed the money ?

No, we have not, for the reason that your Particularly adapted for summer. statement was that these words had been added to your judgment. We decided to wait till the charge was disposed of.

Judge Hanington-This statement was made six weeks after the money was drawn. The investigation was continued until Saturday last at noon.

Mr. Skinner briefly reviewed the case and said it had been shown that all Mr. Fry did was done in open court. The only point was, had he been in error in transcribing his notes to the judgment. Considering the statement of the judge that they were to be on the final decree, it was not even an error of Mr. Fry to suppose they were to be added where they were intended to go finally. It had been the common talk on the street for weeks that Mr Fry had altered the judgment under pressure, and that what he had done had enabled further wrong-doing. He thought Mr. Fry came out of the investigation without even the slightest touch of fire. He was glad the evidence so clearly established Mr. Fry's innocence and he thought the verdict should be that he had only done what he was directed to do.

Mr. C. W. Weldon will make a report to the government on the whole affair.

Mr. Laurance, oculist optician, will be at the Wilbur House, Woodstock, Tuesday and Wednesday, May 7th and 8th: at W. E. Thistle's, Hartland, Thursday May 9th; Kilpatrick Bros., East Florenceville, Friday, 10th, and E. D. R. Phillips', Bath, Saturday

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