

## THE LAND WE LIVE IN.



### SALUTATORY.

Perhaps we are a little late or as our Hibernian friends would say "a day after the fair," in wishing our friends the compliments of the season, but we do it all the same, and hope and trust that the second half of the year 1890 may be happy and prosperous for all of us. More particularly do we extend our greetings to those who have stood by us during the two years of our journalistic career just completed. The encouragement and support accorded us have been far beyond our expectations and have inspired in us a confidence that we shall bring our venture to a successful issue. To those of our contributors who have taken almost a personal interest in the welfare of our journal, we feel that words are inadequate to an expression of our gratitude for their kind assistance. We have *all* been "in the soup," metaphorically speaking, but while *we* have done little more than furnish the culinary utensils and the coarser materials, our contributors have supplied the condiments required to give piquancy to the *Olla Podrida* which we have served up, and which we have the vanity to believe has been relished by the majority of our readers. Editors as a rule are not blessed with an abundance of this world's goods—perhaps their treasures are laid up in Heaven—but when we become an exception to the rule, we shall try to remember in a more substantial manner those who have so generously given us the benefit of their brains, and helped to make our journal a welcome visitor amongst the rod and

gun fraternity, and those to whom the historical and legendary lore of Canada, is a well spring of satisfaction. "God keep our memory green."

We trust our patrons will appreciate the improvement in the appearance of this journal commencing with the present issue. We shall endeavour to increase its attractiveness from month to month with original material both in the way of reading matter and illustrations and which shall be representative of our title. We have made a change in our printing arrangements which we think will be generally acceptable and which will enable us to run our paper close on schedule time. Although as Hiram Waterhouse used to say of the "Island Pond House," "there are a good many hotels that are run cheaper than this" we will endeavour to supply a "table of contents," that will be cheap for the quality and easily digestible, and served on the *original* half shell instead of *plate* principle.

The late Dr. Alcorn, of Lennoxville, was moulded out of very dry material which obliged him to irrigate or "moisten his clay" as often as semi-occasionally. When "practising at the bar" some of his acquaintances of an economic turn, were accustomed to describe their physical ailment and endeavour to procure a little gratuitous advice as to the treatment to be adopted. The doctor stuttered a little but if he could see a probable fee at the end of it, he would say "C-C-Come into the next room, B-B-Bar-room advice is good for nothing." Now a great deal of our time is taken up by parties asking for advice on legal points, who either flatter us by considering our advice as good as that of an attorney, or else do so because it comes cheaper. Now we have come to the conclusion that "gratuitous advice is good for nothing," as far as we are personally concerned, and in future those who want an advice "free gratis for nothing" will have to show a lively interest in *THE LAND WE LIVE IN* to the extent of a paid up subscription. Time is

money and we haven't any more time to spare just now. We merely throw out a hint which we hope will be understood.

### EXPLANATION.

Owing to a variety of unforeseen and unavoidable causes, the publication of *THE LAND WE LIVE IN* has been suspended for a few months past. This was of course regrettable, but we propose now placing the paper on a different basis, and issuing it regularly from this time out. The time lost will be made good to all subscribers.

Until we can issue our journal on time editorial items on current topics would be a little out of place, and our readers might infer that we were gifted with power of divination, so, for the present, we shall be compelled to omit such as require to be up to the times. Until we overtake our regular issue, the want of such items will be supplied by other original and, we trust, interesting matter. We have a number of original contributions on hand which will be published as fast as we can find space for them. Our prize articles will be amongst the first to appear, and for these, we are pleased to say, we are mainly indebted to lady writers.

Ours is the only journal which publishes a *Subscribers Directory*, and nearly all of our numerous exchanges send sample copies of their publications to those whose names appear on it.

We are prepared to receive subscriptions to this journal for six months, at half the annual rate, as we expect in this way to secure permanent subscribers.

Want of space compels us to drop several exchange "ads." and what we carry will be subject to special arrangement.

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