

EDITORIAL.

IT is now four years since we launched our little bark, and from that time until the present, with hopes and fears, we have labored lovingly to keep our sails spread, and to avoid shipwreck.

We look back upon the four volumes already issued, with pride and satisfaction. We have gathered together as in a storehouse, subjects of interest to the student of the History of Canada, of no little value, and which saved from oblivion in a collected form may serve as a hand-book for the future.

We are, however, well aware of many shortcomings, and much room for improvement, but when we remember that our Magazine is edited and conducted by *amateurs*, who

“Leave no calling, for this idle trade,
No duty break,”—

and remembering too, that the subscribers to such a work must necessarily, be very limited, we are amazed at our measure of success.

Moreover, time has thinned our ranks ; of those who started on our editorial staff

“All, all are gone,
The old, familiar faces,”

and we need more hands to help us. However we

“Bate no jot of heart, or hope,”

and we enter on our fifth volume in a spirit of love for the work which we trust will carry us on, we want more subscribers, and friends who will aid us by sending any facts of interest (local or otherwise) and we shall give them a hearty welcome.

— On the 20th May last, Mr. Oates had the flag of the York Pioneers hoisted on the St. Lawrence Hall, Toronto, in commemoration of the following event : In May, 1776, Captain Forster, with one hundred and twenty-six soldiers and an equal number of Indians, proceeded to capture a stock-