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BY WAY OF INTRODUCTION.

It has been said, by one well qualified to give an opinion, that the first number of a newspaper should be carefully edited, set up, printed—and destroyed before it is issued. In other words, a publisher ought to have an experimental issue for his own benefit, in order that he may see how much it lacks in matter and style, and then, upon the basis of its deficiencies, he should issue a number for the public. Whatever the reader may think of the first issue of a periodical, it seldom comes up to the ideal of its projector, if he be a man who has a knowledge of his business and who puts some conscience into it, and his consolation is that succeeding numbers will more fully develop the plan on which his publication is to be conducted. This is quite true of the first issue of *THE NEW BRUNSWICK MAGAZINE*, in regard to the editorial departments. In future numbers it is hoped these will be much more complete, and that they will include a wider range of topics of general interest.

No apology is needed for the contributors to the first number, however, for their topics are well chosen and admirably treated. Each writer discusses something of which he has a special knowledge and to which he has given careful study. More particular