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**F**ROM the peculiar circumstances, under which this Province was settled, learning was at first, less cultivated here, than in some other new settlements. An indifference to books and other sources of information was the natural consequence. It has continued for a series of years. A taste for reading, however, seems to be spreading through many of our townships. I hope it will be extended, and become general. The circulation of newspapers will promote it, and be promoted by it, in turn. These weekly vehicles of intelligence, if properly conducted and well supported, ought to be read in families, not merely as the immediate means of learning the passing events and news of the day, but for the further purpose of cultivating a habit of reading and a taste for information. Such a taste, when once acquired, "grows with our growth, and strengthens with our strength." This has been experienced in almost every family, in which a periodical publication has been, for any considerable time, taken and read. With this view, the paper should be filed and preserved, to give an opportunity of recurring to it and reperusing its contents, as leisure, curiosity or any particular occasion may prompt. Such a recurrence is frequently desirable, especially in country places, and in families not very plentifully supplied with books. Many a man has regretted that he did not preserve a file of his newspapers. The trouble of it is very inconsiderable, in proportion to the satisfaction and utility of it. It may be advantageously commenced with the first number of a new volume or a new year, and still more so, with the commencement of the paper itself.

As you, Mr. Editor, have, in your Prospectus, promised