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TO OUR READERS.

At the beginning of the twentieth century this journal enters upon the forty-seventh year of its existence. The past century has been one of the greater intellectual development and greater material prosperity probably than any before. Discoveries have been made in the scientific world little dreamt of a comparatively few years ago. As to legal matters, although essentially conservative in their character, development and improvement have there been almost as remarkable (at least so far as the Anglo-Saxon race is concerned) as in other lines. Cobwebs have been brushed away, red tape largely discarded, and the evils so powerfully portrayed by Dickens and others largely remedied. That there is much yet to be done may be admitted, but that a great advance has been made cannot be denied. We have sought from time to time to contribute our quota to this result, and are glad to know that our subscription list shews that our effort to keep abreast of the times in all that concerns legal journalism has been appreciated. And, so far as our sphere is concerned, we challenge criticism with any other legal journal either in her Majesty's Dominions or elsewhere. May the coming year be one of prosperity to our readers.

His Honor Judge Chapple contributes some interesting remarks to the much debated jury question. At the opening of the last District Court at Rat Portage it was remarked that it was the first sittings of either a High Court or a District Court in that locality at which a jury had not been summoned. In the Act respecting Unorganized Territories it is not necessary to issue precepts for the return of panels of grand or petit jurors if it appears to the judge that there would be no business to be brought before such juries. On this occasion he was enabled to do without the assistance of this ancient body, and thereby was the means, as he states, of saving to the Province at least \$500. The condition of things in unorganized territories may be somewhat different from those in the more settled parts of the country, but the