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NOTICE.
IN consequence of the LOSSES sustained by the NEW CITY GAS COMPANY, from delay and non-payment of their Accounts during the past year, they have determined upon adopting the following TARIFF of PRICES for GAS, from the 1st MAY, 1850, to 1st MAY, 1851:—
By this TARIFF it will be seen that a Discount of 25 PER CENT., or ONE-FOURTH will be allowed to such parties as make payment of their Accounts within fourteen days of the end of each Quarter, thereby reducing the price to the PRESENT RATE to those who PAY PROMPTLY.
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TARIFF OF PRICES PER ANNUM FOR CONTRACT BURNERS
From 1st May, 1850, to 1st May, 1851.

DESCRIPTION OF BURNERS.	Dusk to 8, P. M.	Dusk to 9, P. M.	Dusk to 10, P. M.	Dusk to 11, P. M.	Dusk to 12 o'clock.	Dusk to 1, A. M.	Dusk to 2, A. M.	Extra for during Day.
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The Gas Rent, whether by Meter or Burner, is to be paid Quarterly, and will be due upon the 1st day of August, November, February, and May.
All parties who shall call at the Gas Office, Gabriel Street, Griffintown, on or before the FOURTEENTH day of AUGUST, NOVEMBER, FEBRUARY, and MAY, and shall there make payment in full of their Gas Rent, due upon the first day of these Months, respectively, shall be allowed a Discount of 25 PER CENT. on all the above rates.
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5 do	2s. 6d. do.	50 do	9s. 0d. do.
10 do	3s. 0d. do.	60 do	11s. 0d. do.
20 do	4s. 6d. do.	80 do	14s. 0d. do.
30 do	5s. 6d. do.	100 do	17s. 6d. do.

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Size of Tubing, Inside Measure.	*Greatest Length allowed.*	*Greatest Number of Burners.*
¾ Inch.	20 Feet.	2 Burners.
¾ do	30 do	4 do
¾ do	40 do	3 do
¾ do	50 do	12 do
1 do	70 do	20 do
1¼ do	100 do	40 do
1½ do	150 do	60 do
2 do	200 do	100 do

Particular attention is requested to the following Clause of the Gas Company's Charter:—
XIX.—And be it enacted, That if any person or persons, whether principal, or workmen, or party employing such, shall join or connect any pipe to the main or service pipes of the said Company, or shall in any way lay, join, or connect any pipe for the supply of any new Light or Burner, to any pipe whatsoever, containing Gas, without having first received the consent of the Company, or their Agent, in writing, then such person or persons, or party employing such, shall, for every offence, forfeit and pay to the said Company the sum of twenty-five pounds Currency, and also a further sum of one pound for each day such pipe shall so remain, or be imprisoned for the term of one calendar month in the Common Gaol.
By order of the Directors,
W. R. FALCONER,
MANAGER.
NEW CITY GAS COMPANY'S OFFICE,
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Where may be had Printed Circulars, descriptive of the wonderful effects of those Pills.
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THE Subscribers having completed arrangements for running a regular LINE OF FIRST-CLASS STEAMERS between MONTREAL, and TORONTO and HAMILTON, calling at other ports on Lake Ontario, will be prepared, on the Opening of Navigation, to transport GOODS and PRODUCE, WITHOUT TRANSHIPMENT, on the most favourable terms.
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Montreal, 1st March, 1850. 67

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WAREHOUSEMEN, FORWARDERS, AND COMMISSION MERCHANTS,
HAMILTON, DUNDAS, KINGSTON, PRESCOTT, AND BYTOWN;
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BEG leave to inform the Merchants of HAMILTON, and the Merchants and Millers of the surrounding Country, that they have commenced the WAREHOUSING and FORWARDING BUSINESS in HAMILTON and DUNDAS, and are now prepared to receive Property in the commodious Premises lately in the occupation of Messrs. M. W. & E. BROWNE, and trust that their long experience in the Business, and the strictest attention thereto, together with moderate charges, warrant them in expecting liberal support. Being owners of the first-class Lake and River Steamers
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Hamilton, March, 1850. }
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(LOW PRESSURE,)
FOR FREIGHT—Running twice a week between Bytown and Montreal, in connexion with the Steamer BEAVER, (low pressure,) which Boat plies as a Passage and Freight Boat on the Rideau Canal, twice a week between Bytown and Kingston.
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The days of departure and arrival of the foregoing stated Boats will hereafter be given.
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With BARGES in tow, from Bytown and Rideau Canal to WHITEHALL, on *Lake Champlain*, for the transport of Sawed Lumber, which, together with their Tri-Weekly Line from Montreal to Burlington, and *vice versa*, connecting with the Burlington and New York Daily Transport Line of Steam and Canal craft, (see advertisement,) will afford to Bytown and other Merchants on the Ottawa and Rideau all the facilities from New York and Montreal to Bytown, of a Daily Line of Freight Boats.
THE STEAMER BEAVER,
Two days in the week, (the days hereafter to be notified to the public,) will leave Bytown, for Kingston, immediately after the arrival of the Daily Passenger Boat from Lachine.
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(LOW PRESSURE,)
Will be kept at Bytown as a Tug for Rafts.
Bytown, March, 1850.
☞ MACPHERSON & CRANE will make liberal advances on Produce, Pot and Pearl Ashes, &c., when placed in their Store and consigned to them for Sale. 75

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Forward Goods to and from New York, and all Ports on Lake Champlain to Montreal and Quebec; Ports on the Ottawa River, Lake Ontario and Erie.
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MACPHERSON & CRANE, Kingston, Bytown, Prescott and Hamilton.
C. B. JANES, No. 3, Cortlandt Slip, (up stairs,) New York.
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Montreal, March 25, 1850. 76

THE BETROTHAL;
OR,
HOW MR. QUINT WAS ENGAGED, AND AT LAST SUCCEEDED IN GETTING MARRIED.
Translated for the Evening Post.

11.

The following day, Mr. Quint looked very thoughtful. The occurrences at the castle had not been of the common sort. Bessie's form, countenance and attire, had imprinted themselves too deeply on his memory. He wished to divert himself. He wished to write, and drew Bessie's beautiful head twenty times on paper; he went to the piano, and all the chords sent back the strangest harmonies; he visited his favourite walks, and held formal conversations with Bessie, as if she were walking by his side.

Though not altogether astonished, he yet felt how much the inmost recesses of his heart were transformed by the adventure of a moment. All his principles, all his favourite ideas, all his stoicism, all his old and new authors, all the wisdom of the universities, and common schools—all that, till now, had had a charm and value for him, all that, till now, he had set his heart upon—all were thrown aside, like worn-out household furniture—like faded playthings.

"O, beautiful, holy enthusiasm!" sighed he, as, at the close of the day, he sat on the wooden bench before his house, in the shade of a chestnut tree that reflected the red sunlight. "Of what use is our greatness and glory, and our knowledge and power? We shall never be gods; let us remain simple, good men. And the great mass of our brethern, are they happy in possessing much, in knowing much, in doing much? Certainly not; but they are happy, because they rock themselves in the arms of pleasant illusions. Is a whole day of cold intellectual investigation worth a single moment of warm, affectionate enjoyment?

"O, Bessie, if thou felest as I do! Mayest thou take into thy heart the enchanted dream which thou hast created! By thee, with thee, it would last through all eternity. This is no longer the world that I saw yesterday. The grass of the meadow, Bessie, springs up only to weave a soft carpet for thy footstep. Such is the power of Beauty that she is always felt wherever she is; all nature owns her, awaits her, listens to her trustingly; that, by her side, all things may grow better, more satisfying, more lovely."

It is clearly to be seen that Mr. Quint stood no longer on the old footing with himself. He often thought a quarter of an hour at a time on these moods and reveries which he had never known before; and he could not fathom it after the most earnest endeavors, whether he had become wiser or more foolish.

He, therefore, determined to note down carefully his thoughts and fancies, in the belief that he must one time or another become sober, like the rest of his brethern.

"The maiden does not go home till day after to-morrow! Mr. Pyk had declared very distinctly yesterday. Out of that it follows, very naturally, that Bessie must pass to-morrow through the length of this valley—from her eloquent uncle's to her hospitable aunt's. She might be seen on the way without any trouble—she might be talked to without fear, and all the past would be forgotten in his conversation—her tender heart would be tried, and perhaps—he might hope—" Mr. Quint became giddy when he tried to spin out the thought farther.

In the midst of his blessedness, there remained a heavy burthen of fear and anxiety to carry. He would not allow himself to think that, under any possible supposition, Bessie could ever listen to his modest wishes, for he felt keenly that it would be easier for him to learn Arabic in half an hour, than to learn a well concocted declaration of love in four weeks.

12.

The next morning, the first ray of the sun that glanced over the high mountain, as it lay dissolving in pale vapor, found Mr. Quint opposite his mirror. He made one innocent remark, that the spring of his days was not yet past. "Twenty-eight years old!—a fine age. Ten years more make thirty-eight—not so bad neither. Ten years more, then forty-eight! O, Bessie, Bessie, then the winter strips the tree, and the saps dry up, and the branches decay!"

He tastefully dressed himself, more so than was common. Black silk breeches, and a sea green frock coat; his hair well crisped, and powdered even to whiteness; his head-dress small and elegant, and of the newest fashion! There could no longer be any doubt, Mr. Quint was preparing himself to woo a heart.

All his domestics wondered at him, particularly the old housekeeper, Anna Maria, who could not remain quiet. Women have great tact in such cases. Anna Maria laughed in her sleeve, and whispered secretly in the ear of another: "There will be great change in the house;" the other thought that, "in this world nothing was impossible;" and so, when there was a chance, they peeped after their master wandering through window and door, and through court-yard and house.

Mr. Quint, who in his lonely intended attack, had not counted on the shine of the black silk breeches, nor on the tasteful form of the new queue, thought that he should have need of other weapons. A beautiful book from his library, and a fragrant cluster from his flower-garden, was to keep his company. Both could, at least, do him service, as innocent pretexts and topics of conversation.

Thus armed, he left the house, and with an unparalleled want of fear, went towards the rushing stream, and over the bridge, and across the meadow to the highway, which, leading from one end of the vale to the other, could not well be avoided by Bessie.

Nature awoke amidst the trill of larks, the clouds stole away from the bosom of the mountain, and rolled themselves up in the golden sun. A gentle breeze rustled in the forest; light streamed down from the glowing mists of heaven upon the powerful fire of the rock, and upon mossy stones and weeds.

Mr. Quint folded his hands together in quiet rapture. He looked out into the blooming, glittering valley, as if into a new life, the angel of which was Bessie. All the magnificence and splendor of that early hour were to him as the solemn entrance to the epopee of his futurity, the announcement of his great festival!

Dreaming, he continued on the road that led toward the great village Tigeas, from which the beloved one was to come. The way ascended from the bank of the stream, over mountain rubbish and rocks, while on all sides grew old oak, fir, and larch trees, and intricate the kets.

From the summit above the tops of the lofty fir trees, a lovely landscape unfolded itself, in the midst of which his own land was beautifully situated. From this place the road could be overlooked for some distance in front, when it lost itself again amidst woods and rocks, scattered over with wild flowers.

Here Mr. Quint determined to take his position and await Bessie. For he would not yet allow himself to run to meet her, without any preparation. The acquaintance was too fresh, and that thought, together with the unlucky misfortune of—the table cloth—was like an electrical discharge. Love let his wings fall, Mr. Quint his bouquet, a cloudy mist came over the brightness of nature, like the sick of a bad spirit—the unhappy remembrance of the table-cloth, caged with the hand of winter in the spring-like garden of his fancy. All pleasures and hopes died away, he stood there as one utterly deserted, like a pilgrim in a foreign land in a sudden fog, or like a drunkard who, in the midst of his follies, becomes sober.

He stamped with his foot angrily on the ground. Great heavens! there the fool is again, and again makes himself ludicrous before the loveliest creature under heaven! She will be ashamed of me. And then to be so awkward and so clumsily!—"O, why am I not merely unhappy; why must I be more than that, even ridiculous?"

Mr. Quint threw his drowsy body to the ground.

"It is over! It is certain. She loves me not; and if she would, she could not! The blockhead would be again nicely adrift, if he should pay her a compliment, as if she were an old, a true, and long made acquaintance and friend. Let him take himself quietly from here—let him leave the grass to grow over his foolishness.

Thus poor Quint, in imagination, belabored himself with more than Carthaginian severity. He saw his fault at that moment in the form of a giant, that pressed him down, while his virtues appeared as dwarfs. He despaired so much that he hated himself with all his heart. Beauty, riches, grace, wit, renown, brilliant employment, business, and all that might subdue a beautiful girl.

"Ah, all is wanting to me—all that renders one worthy the love of the loveable!"

He pushed his hat deeper over his face, half turned himself about, and would have commenced his return home, when to increase his ill-luck, Satan maliciously blew in his ear: "And, before thou hast become wise and lovable, Bessie will have found a husband."

The idea made him shudder. He stood still. All his possible rivals in the vale passed before his mind's eye like shadows before a magic lantern. Beautiful men, intellectual men, agreeable companions, rich youths, remarkable families—and Quint's self-esteem, instead of being entirely dissolved, awoke anew under this mastering of enemies. Involuntarily, he compared himself with each man; and found that he was not quite so despicable, not quite so nothing after all. The clouds of ill-humor broke away; the sunshine of hope spread itself over his inner world, and showed again some solitary light spots in the night-like desert.

By continued pleasant reflections, he raised himself gradually from consolation to peace, from peace to hope, from this to expectation, and from expectation to joy, and from joy to rapture. "And now that I think on Pyk's words, on Bessie's looks!" he cried, in the newly awakened glow of hope and love, "O, everything is yet possible! We will try it! Bessie shall be obtained! Paradise appears! trallalla, trallallaera; tralla, trallorum!" This last very undignified phrase, he neither thought nor said, but sang with a clear, audible voice, dancing at the same time from one side of the road to the other, and back again.

This jubilee dance, which may have much resembled that of the Kingly David before the Ark of the Covenant—he might have continued probably much longer, being something between a minuet and a waltz, had not—enough! Mr. Quint sprang with one bound aside, like a shy horse when he rears. He slipped into the thicket, between the highway and the running stream below. For thither, on the road toward the height, Bessie came with her beautiful, stately person. She was alone.

13.

He who has once loved will clearly understand the changeable state of mind of poor Mr. Quint,—tossed about between fear and hope, anxiety and enthusiasm. I will also wager that the greater part of my readers have already danced, no new here, the pleasure dance of Mr. Quint; but they were perhaps more fortunate than our philosopher, who was caught napping in his jubilee, and unfortunately by the very person for whose sake this secret honor dance had taken place with an accompaniment of simple vocal music.

Mr. Quint, who had never in his life designed to figure as a solo dancer, was so much alarmed and disconcerted at Bessie's appearance, that all his limbs trembled. If Bessie had recognized him up there on the height, with his jumps backwards, sideways, and in the air, it was inevitably over with him forever.—What would a girl think, seeing a well dressed man set himself suddenly to dancing in a wood; a man generally shy, respected, well-bred, and thought intelligent by all the world? And when this man should have advanced toward her with a declaration of love! For God's sake, Mr. Quint, what has become of your understanding?

The good man did penance for his short pleasure in the most sensible manner. He was obliged to hold fast with both hands on a neighboring tree: for the bank under him, running down to the water's edge, was steep and high, and his feet were only supported by gravel and sand, that fell away with every motion.

In any event, he must remain in that disagreeable situation till Bessie should be past, and yet it seemed to him he could not keep a moment longer upright. The ground shook now and then under his feet. He could have stood more firmly either to the right or to the left, but not so well sheltered from Bessie's eyes as here. Added to this, there was, unavoidably, a betraying rustle with every change of his position, and a cracking of stones and sands as they rolled down the hill.

Apart from the painful dreams, in which the sufferer wishes to run away, while a fatal enchantment fastens his feet to the ground, or would scream for help with not having any voice—putting aside those deceitful stories, that are sometimes told us in our sleep by bad angels, Mr. Quint had never felt anything of the kind more unpleasant.

The good man moved slowly from under his feet, according to the laws of nature. A forward journey, over gravel and stones, was to be feared. It was drawing to look down, and the damsel, Bessie, had just reached the top of the mountain road, and stood two steps from Mr. Quint, who lost his breath with affright. She had stopped to consider with admiration the beautiful garden-flowers cast away, and scattered on the road.

Every one would have looked with pleasure on the little traveller at the sight before Quint's flowers; attired neatly in simple country guise, and set to the advantage of her beautifully formed figure; she was thoughtful, and with the face of an angel in the red morning light. Mr. Quint trembled with love and fear.

She bent and gathered up the flowers, went on one side and seated herself on a piece of rock.—With the flowers in her lap, she strung them in a full, but without haste, for her glance wandered towards the neighboring landscape, where Mr. Quint's estate, dwelling-house, and garden, lay in the morning mist.

"He also has flowers in his garden," thought she; "and people say that it is a handsome garden."

Her hands sunk into her lap for the cool flowers, a trembling sigh raised itself slowly from her bosom.

Involuntarily—for who would knowingly do it?—she thought herself the mistress of these, and how she might then plant for the kitchen as well as the eyes. The position of the front door, of the windows, of the chimney, &c., explained to her, physiognomically, the interior of the dwelling, the relations of rooms and chambers, of kitchens and cellars, of stairs and halls. "There," thought she, "there is much yet to clean and adorn; it would be pretty both winter and summer, to have snow-white curtains before the windows, for they ornament the house both within and without. And, sometimes evenings, one must sup in the gay arbor, and in winter the little room looking toward the highway must be warmed; there the piano must stand.—Mr. Quint plays well on it; the mistress would then spin the yellow flax.

"And of whom thinks he?" mused she further; "O, I know well, it is my think of him. He is rich, young, and pleasant. That till-lock should always pursue me, your child! and the table cloth never existed! Why was I so awkward? I shall be ashamed of it all my life. I shall never dare to raise my eyes to him. But it is true, he did sometimes cast his friendly eye on me; an eye so beautiful, so clear and penetrating, that I could scarcely bear it. And I would much like to know what he said to Uncle Pyk. O, my uncle! I know him well. Do not believe him, poor Bessie, he is but quizzing thee. Would so rich a man as Mr. Quint, so happy a man, whom all love, choose for a poor peasant girl? He would be a noble husband, he will so kind and affectionate with, [illegible] from the city. For then [illegible] And he does not [illegible] Bessie! [illegible] Bessie! [illegible] Bessie!