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General Advertiser may be requested to send in their favor before eight o'clock, P. M., on the evening prior to said publication.

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The Proprietors of the Montreal Courier beg to state, that they have now completed their arrangements for the publication of the latest News from the Seats of Government, (Toronto,) and that full details of all the events and doings in the Canadian Legislature will always appear in the columns of their journal.

Parties engaged at their residence by the Courier, at the rate of \$12 per week, or \$100 per month.

The Proprietors of the Courier inform their Contractors, that the following meetings will be awarded to them during the week, viz:

20 10 0 to the first.  
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ADVERTISING.

THE COURIER.

SATURDAY, JUNE 15, 1850.

The Decay of our Export Trade and present Prospects.

To the intelligence of the commercial mind the truth is obvious; that Quebec and Montreal cannot resume their past importance as shipping ports for produce, unless some radical change in our system be adopted. No person can estimate the importance of Reciprocity to trade with the United States; but, while it is admitted that it can only be hoped for by an appeal to the liberality of the Americans, there is a mystery and obscurity in its future effects upon our export trade—in truth, it may be questioned whether Reciprocity would not divert the Export Trade from Montreal and Quebec, and turn it towards the Atlantic cities. Analogy of reasoning induces us that if profits under the 20 per cent. duty abounding in ancient channel of the St. Lawrence, and passes to New York and Boston, the abolition of the 20 per cent. duty, which Reciprocity contemplates, must confine the trade to those newly formed channels. Few persons contend that ours Reciprocity will avail our Export trade—its obvious purpose is to relax the restrictions which now partially exclude us from the American Markets. In tendency is, therefore, adverse to the interests of Quebec and Montreal, and they often too deep a stake in the issue of this question to rest satisfied with the consequences of a doubtful future. Ministers may, from up-to-date information, have available resources to confine the public mind, rendering it less turbulent and dimmed of comprehension; but no one can conceive what political concord could explain in what direction a substantial cause of our decaying Export Trade: it is simply because our freights from the St. Lawrence are higher than the freights from the Hudson. Europe is our natural market, consequently, the port from whence produce can be shipped from this side of the Atlantic to Europe must attract the produce and enjoy the profits of the Export Trade. This proposition cannot be disputed—examine it under every point of view. We must invariably recur to the fact, that, to command an Export Trade, we must lessen the cost of transport from the West, or the St. Lawrence to Europe, below the rates current in the United States—in plainer terms, we must carry a barrel of flour from Lake Erie, via the St. Lawrence to Liverpool, cheaper than the New York or Boston Markets. The solution of this problem is the difficulty which meets us; yet it is equally simple, if we had men of courage and resolution in the Ministry. The sluggish nature of Lafontaine, cannot appreciate the exigencies of commerce; yet accident invest him with the dominant voice in the Cabinet, and trade must travel the sinuousities which his heavy intellect imposes. The bold and vigorous policy would be to exempt produce intended for Export from Quebec or Montreal, from all tolls or the Customs—but who in the House of Assembly can venture to compete to advocate and carry out a policy which would conflict the drawbacks upon the United States. The suggestion, it brought forward by a merchant like Mr. Holmes, would be cheered by the old cast about income and revenue; call the christian Husks, who has picked up a reputation by fanning sectional quarrels, would invoke the hostility of the Upper Canadas to the measure, by proclaiming that it would exclusively benefit the cities of Montreal and Quebec.

The London Sun says, that it is currently rumoured that the Carlist Chief, Gubara, a resident in London, has succeeded in obtaining the hand of a lady of immense fortune, and that he is going forthwith to the North of Spain, to raise the standard of revolt, and once more endeavor to place the Carlist party over the legitimate branch of the house of Bourbon on the throne. The lady is said to be connected with one of the largest wine houses in the city.

Mr. Pinsonneau, of St. Gabriel, Devon, England, a surgeon in the Royal Navy, to prevent the calamities and dangers caused by the displacement of ballast in the hold of vessels, has projected a plan of ballast, with doors at both ends, made to fit into each other in succession, whereby the ballast so stored forms an immovable pavement in the hold of the ship.

The 7th Royal Fusiliers embarked at Halifax, on the 8th instant, on board the Transport ship Beaufort, for conveyance to England.

The Transport ship Beaufort, which arrived at Halifax, on the 20th ult., brought drafts of the 20th and 20th regiments.

The Toronto University.—We see that Mr. Robt. W. gives notice of a Bill to remove debts which have arisen from the framing of the University—only passed last session, and shortly to be enacted.

Major-General Grey.—Major-General the Hon. Charles Gore, accompanied by the Rev. Mr. Gore, and Mrs. Gore, left this morning in the steamer Robt. W. on Friday morn. The Major-General intends, we presume, to inspect the Troops at the several ports West of this.

The Subversive of the Germanic Mass.

EUROPEAN AFFAIRS.  
Correspondence of the Montreal Courier.

LONDON, May 21, 1850.

The English week is generally a dull week in the Metropolis, and this year it has formed no exception to the rule.

The proceedings in Parliament have been of little interest to the Colonial reader. The Greek affair is getting "hotter," and everything in the community is growing

hotter, but nothing which over accusses it. We do not apologize, nor affect any

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