

had ill treated them, and whom you immediately punished. On more than one occasion, I have heard Canadians, on the other side of the river, say, without Mr. Gagy, who set us at liberty, we would have been tried by Court Martial!!!" A man like you is an acquisition ; so much the worse, if your value is not understood. I shall be pleased for my country's sake, if, on your return, I can welcome you as a member of the next assembly, whose talents and eloquence we will be able to say belong to us.

Courage, Colonel, I trust in the electors. May they respond to my hopes.

Believe me your sincere friend,

(Signed,)

ANDRÉ OUIMET.

COPY OF A LETTER FROM CAPTAIN COLMAN.

*Montreal, 2nd June, 1844.*

MY DEAR COLONEL,—Having been so fortunate as to be placed under your command in the late Rural Police by His Excellency Lord Seaton, at a very critical moment, I beg to assure you that I, at all times, felt quite satisfied that the duties of the Department would be efficiently performed from your zeal, energy and talent.

In my two-fold capacity of Stipendiary Magistrate and paymaster, I was constantly travelling through the entire district of Montreal, and had, therefore, better opportunities than any other person in the Force of ascertaining public opinion of you as a Commissioner, and I have no hesitation in saying that you were a great favorite with the officers and men of the Corps, and you were considered very impartial and even kind by the habitants. I can further bear testimony that your instructions to me and the other Magistrates in my part of the country (St. Hyacinthe) were, that while performing my duty with firmness we were not only to protect the people from injustice, but to treat them with every possible indulgence in order to popularize the government, which you are aware was strictly attended to, and produced the desired effect.

I have great pleasure in complying with your request and will always be happy to hear of your welfare.

Believe me, my dear Colonel, faithfully yours,

(Signed,) THOS. COLMAN, Captain unattached.

COL. GAGY, Adjutant General of Militia.