

THE LATE FRANCIS CASSIDY, ESQ., M. P. P.

Our late Mayor, whose portrait we give this week, was born, of Irish parentage, at St. Jacques de L'Achigan, Que., in 1827. He was educated at the College of L'Assomption and was called to the bar of Lower Canada, in 1848. In 1863 he was created Q. C., and in 1871 was elected by acclamation to represent Montreal West in the Local Legislature. On the retirement of Mayor Coursol from office in February last, Mr. Cassidy was elected by acclamation to fill the position of Mayor of Montreal, a position which, however, illness prevented him from occupying as ably as he would otherwise have done. Shortly before his election Mr. Cassidy was seized with a severe illness which it was hoped would not terminate fatally; he was very feeble at the time of his inauguration and has only been able to preside at meetings of the Council on one or two occasions for a short while. About ten days ago his illness assumed a more alarming character and he expired at his residence in St. Denis street, on Saturday evening, 14th inst. Mr. Cassidy was highly esteemed by his companions at the bar, and won his way to fame and position more by honest hard work and close application than by brilliant genius. He was quiet and unobtrusive in manner, but social and genial, and his many good qualities of head and heart won him hosts of warm personal friends who will mourn his loss. The deceased was unmarried; but, it may be remembered that at the time of his election to the mayoralty, playful allusion was made to this fact as his one fault, and he replied that that fault should be corrected within six months; death has, however, intervened, and rendered his plans futile. The funeral took place on Wednesday, 18th inst., and was one of the largest and most imposing



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ever seen in this city. The procession formed on the Champ de Mars at 8 o'clock, and proceeded to the late residence of the deceased in St. Denis street and from thence to the Parish Church in the following order:

- Militia Officers.
- Band.
- Benevolent Societies.
- National Societies.
- Firemen. THE BODY Firemen.
- Mourners.
- The Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors of the City of Montreal.
- City Officials.
- The Mayor and Corporations of different Cities and Towns.
- Members of the Senate.
- The Judges.
- The Clergy.
- Members of the House of Commons and Local Legislature.
- The Consuls.
- The Legal Profession.
- The Medical Profession.
- Citizens.

After the ceremony the procession moved by way of St. James street, Beaver Hall Hill, Sherbrooke and Guy street to Mount Royal Cemetery, where the body was interred. Business was generally suspended on the line of the procession; many flags were at half mast, and a most profound and sincere regret at the death of a good citizen evinced by the people at large.

The famous Heidelberg tun, seems to be out-barrelled by the feat of an Austrian cask manufacturer, who exhibits at the Vienna Palace an infant of the following gigantic dimensions—height, 39ft.; diameter at bottom, 29ft.; capacity, 250,000 eimers (12 gallons each). The vat is constructed of oak, from the magnificent forests in Lower Hungary.

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