

THE COURIER.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 29, 1851.

From the great difference of opinion manifested in the Legislative Assembly respecting the Seigneurial Tenure Bill, though some of the French members appear to have no objections to treat it in a very summary manner, it seems impossible for the proposition to take place so soon as the country have been taught to expect. One member moves a delay of fifteen days, and from the speaker of others, it would appear that difficulties increase as they proceed, so that, if settled at all this Session, the House must of necessity sit for some considerable time longer. The language of Mr. Ducharme, the member for Portneuf, is honorable to him—he said, "that, as a Seigneur, he would state that he intended to give a vote more in accordance with the feelings of the County he represented than with his own interests and feelings." Such self-abnegation and control is highly commendable in this member, and will, no doubt, recommend him to the favourable consideration of his constituents at the approaching election.

—We learn by telegraph that on Wednesday the Governor-General sent down a message announcing the prorogation of the House for Saturday.

House and Titles.

"What's in a name?" says the fond and loving Juliet. "What's in a name?" the rose by any other name would smell as sweet." But notwithstanding the sage authority of Shakespeare, from whom it requires so small intemperance to differ in any thing, poor though he be, we presume to say that there is often a very great deal in a name. If those who bear illustrious names possess the qualities which these names designate or represent, or with which they are associated, then the names tend to excite in their possessors an emulation which may lead to distinction. But if, on the contrary, the possessors of significant names and titles happen to be endowed with the very opposite defects, the designations become at once a biting sarcasm, and excite only laughter and derision. Suppose a *Wallington* or *Napoleon* Muggins, who has no more courage than a hen chicken; or a *Howard* Dobbs, with the bump of destructiveness so large, that like *Nero*, no *quidem* *musa* might be applied to him wherever he goes; or an *Aristides* Craw sent to the hulks for stealing sheep; or an *Isaac* Newton Applepie, who never had brains enough to learn the multiplication table. We have often thought that parents were very culpably vain and foolish in giving grandiloquent and aristocratic names to their children; and on this point the Americans certainly have more sense than the practice of giving two or three high-sounding baptismal names to their children is more conspicuous among them, from their presumed dislike to all hereditary distinctions. Think of a poor little girl being named, or rather nicknamed, *Donaldina*, *Jacobina*, &c. It is really absurd to hear a slenderly dainty woman come to the door of a house, in some obscure muddy street, and call out, at the top of her lungs, "Anna Maria Matilda, my dear, come in out of the gutter, you coquette!" We have always admired the good sense of Mrs. Salt, the wife of a late celebrated British Consul at Cairo, who, when consulting with her husband about what name they should give their infant son, objected to *Peter*—which name was Mr. Salt's choice—because, she said, that if the child lived to go to school, his school-fellows would provoke him by calling him *Saltpetre*, and that would spoil his temper. We agree with Mrs. Salt that there is great prudence and discretion necessary in the choosing of a name. No doubt *Gregory* *Living* cannot help being only five and three, nor *John* *Short* for measuring six feet one in his stockings; neither is *Jacob* *Quickly* answerable for being a *slow* coach; but these being surmises, do not carry with them the same amount of ridicule that an absurd pronoun does, for the very sufficient reason, that the surmise cannot be easily laid aside. Yet there occurs sometimes a very amusing change in the spelling of a name, when the sound happens to convey an unpleasant idea. There is now, or was lately, at the English Bar, a gentleman of the name of *Bumpus*, who, though a sound and talented lawyer, was supposed to have been injured in his practice by his unfortunate cognomen, *Bumpus*, who would employ a lawyer or fee an ad-

ocate of the name of *Bumpus*, what could *Bumpus* know about law! The name must therefore be changed, and changed it was; so, in a few years, *Mr. Bumpus* had a very fair practice at the Bar, and became ultimately a sergeant-at-law.

There is also sometimes a glaring absurdity in titles of dignity and honor, which the Americans have altogether escaped, and which even the Red Indians, says, though he be, laugh at in derision. The Indian warrior has no title of honor, until he deserves it by the performance of some notable exploit in battle, or in the chase, and then it is given by universal consent, remaining ever afterwards as a faithful and true characteristic of the man. But in civilized European history we may every day read such ludicrous misapprehensions as the following:—

"His Highness was a man of very low stature."

"The person of His Majesty was not prepossessing, his limbs being ill made, and his shoulders round and stooping."

"Constant intemperance, and the restrained indulgence of an irascible temper, had stamped upon the countenance of His Serene Highness an expression of ferocity."

"I was present when the Emperor was most graciously pleased to tell the Right Honorable gentleman that he lied in his throat, and then to kick him down stairs."

THE CAMILLA DRESS.—Some weeks ago we mentioned that the female assistant in a store in Notre Dame Street had assumed the *Blומר*, or, as our Yankee neighbours are now beginning to call it, the *Camilla* dress, and now we are informed by an obliging correspondent that, on Tuesday evening last, two young ladies, respectable residents in this city, had the moral courage to appear in some of our principal streets dressed in this new, modest, and becoming costume. These fair Camillas were escorted, says our informant, by two young gentlemen, who, as they well might, appeared to feel themselves highly honoured in being selected as the guardians of these intrepid innovators. This really beautiful, picturesque, and withal comfortable dress, is gradually creeping into the notice and approval of the female leaders of fashion in the States, and will no doubt spread in time through the neighboring countries, as its advantages come to be fairly appreciated. Most of the American Editors are on the side of the Camillas, though there are a few who oppose them. But there can be no doubt that the ladies' blessings on their obstinate little hearts will gain their point at last, in opposition to every discouragement. They are quite aware that every effort made to improve mankind has met with strong opposition at the outset. When lady Mary W. Montague recommended and practiced inoculation as a means of diminishing the virulence of small pox, she had the whole faculty of medicine in array against her, and that learned body was no less opposed to Harvey when he broached his theory of circulation. Therefore, let the ladies not despair of ultimate success, rather let them turn their backs against all opposers. We can tell them—in a whisper though—that the *horrid men* creatures are already in possession of the land, and that they will naturally fear that if the ladies assume a dress so much more convenient and appropriate, the latter will soon push them from their stools altogether.

We beg to remind our readers of the Sale of Household Furniture by Mr. Leeming, at the residence of Lieutenant Murray, Bellevue Cottage, (not Bellevue Terrace,) head of Dufferin Street, this morning, at eleven o'clock.

At a Meeting of the City Council, held on Wednesday last, the following resolution was adopted unanimously, on motion of Councillor Atwater, seconded by Alderman Benjamin:—

That the Mayor be authorized to communicate to His Excellency the Governor General of this Province, by deposition or otherwise, the desire of the Council, that he would be pleased to call on the Mayor of Montreal on his return to the Province, in order that the Mayor and Council of Montreal may have the honor of accompanying him on said visit.

REMARK.—An American was robbed on Wednesday at 225. He was induced to take a walk into the mountains, where two persons, named Pardon and McCarty, alias Smith. The former had been hired from the Postmaster, and the latter was a woman of bad character and well known to the Police. These persons attacked the American, by firing a pistol at him, and made their escape. The Police are on the look out for the robbers.

Two men were arrested on Wednesday at 225. They were found in possession of a large quantity of stolen goods, and were taken to the Police Station.

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Per Ship CAMBRIA, Harrison, from Glasgow.

James R. Orr, Agent.

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