

NOTICE TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Will our TORONTO friend who, on leaving Montreal a few weeks since, undertook a commission of some importance to this paper, be good enough to communicate to us the result of his efforts.

"W.B.," of Sherbrooke, is requested to write to us on the subject of his former letter.

Our MANGANESE FRIEND we shall be glad to see as soon as he can make it convenient to call. There are some passages in his letter we have great difficulty in making out.

"CASTIGATOR" will perceive that we have referred to the case of bribery in the Crown Lands Department.

"MAJOR B." is informed that all parties to whom the EXPOSITOR is sent, and who do not return the paper, are considered as subscribers, there being no other mode of ascertaining the fact. Subscribers can be supplied with any numbers they may be deficient in.

The three remittances have been received.

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MONUMENT TO LORD METCALFE.

Just as we had anticipated, has proved our appeal to the public authorities and public institutions of the country. We are all so eagerly preparing to worship the rising sun, that we feel no inclination to pay homage to that which is set, and which illumined our path of yesterday in a manner we then fancied would never have been effaced from our recollections. Lord Metcalfe is gone—he can no longer be of service to us; and therefore a veil is drawn over the past, even as though it had never been!

Still, we are glad to perceive that a great many persons have adopted the outward sign of respect to the memory of the great and good nobleman, once so general a favorite with the Canadian public; but this we do not conceive to be sufficient. There should be some demonstration of a more united nature. For instance, where are the pastors of the various Churches the liberal donations of Lord Metcalfe helped to build and support? Is his memory not worth a sermon in return, or a recommendation from the pulpit of their several congregations to wear the usual tribute of respect to the departed good? Let them answer; and not only answer, but act, if they believe in the charity of the religion they profess.

Some kind-hearted simpleton (we hope he will forgive the term,) suggests, in a late number of the *Herald*, that a subscription should be commenced, for the purpose of erecting a monument to the late Governor General. Did no voice whisper in his ear, "Brock,"—"Tecumseh,"—"Sydenham"? When the last hundred pounds are wanted to complete the necessary sum, we think we may safely undertake to furnish them ourselves.

But no. No monument will ever be raised to Lord Metcalfe's memory; for if they who once professed to be his ardent admirers are now so lukewarm in the matter as to refuse to his memory the outward tribute of their

sorrow, which may cost them a few shillings, it is not likely that they will join in another outward tribute, which may cost them as many pounds.

But, although a monument, in the usual acceptance of the term, will never be erected to Lord Metcalfe, there is yet a way of perpetuating his name, which, we have reason to believe, will meet with general approbation. It is proposed to build a bridge across the St. Lawrence, in the neighborhood of this city—a gigantic undertaking, and one which we trust may succeed. Let this be called "METCALFE BRIDGE;"—and thus we shall have the useful and complimentary combined. Should any difference of opinion arise in regard to the name, let it be decided in favor of the largest amount of capital subscribed.

ADJT.-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT.

"We learn the appointment of Baron de Rottenburg as Adjutant-General (Canada West) has not been confirmed by the Horse Guards. The Baron is a Captain in the 46th Regiment, and possesses, independent of his professional experience, great literary and scientific acquirements."

The above paragraph, which we copy from the *Montreal Times*, can, if true, admit of but one interpretation; and it is this:—that the very proper estimate formed by the Earl Cathcart, of the competency of Major de Rottenburg to fill the office he now occupies, has not received that attention at the Horse Guards which, emanating from the quarter it did, it must have otherwise received, SOLELY because it is necessary to keep the post open for the return of Colonel Young.

We repeat, no other probable construction can be placed on this refusal of the Horse Guards to sanction an appointment made by the Commander of the Forces here. Colonel (then Major) Young and the Baron de Rottenburg both came out here as Inspecting Field Officers, during the Rebellion; and we certainly are at a loss to know—without at all seeking to depreciate Colonel Young's qualifications as a soldier—what inferiority there is in those of Major de Rottenburg, which should disentitle him to the advantages of a recommendation by the Commander of the Forces in so extensive a command as that of Canada, unless some particular difficulty interposed. And what is that difficulty?

We have no doubt in our own mind that the strong representations of Sir Allan MacNab, at the foot of the throne, have resulted in a determination on the part of the Home Government to recommend that he be placed at the head of the Militia of the Province;—the desire originating with Her Majesty herself. And as there would be a manifest injustice in allowing Colonel Young to suffer indirectly through the bungling acts of the Administration of the Province, it has been determined that that officer should return to his duty on the Staff of the Army. Unless this be the case, a manifest slight is put on the Commander of the Forces, whose recommendation, independently of the claims of Major de Rottenburg, should

have some weight. This, we think, will be found to be the case.

Since writing the above, we see it stated in the *Courier*, that a report has reached this that Colonel Young's appointment to the Adjutant-Generalship of Militia has been disallowed. If this be the case, our impression is correct; and Major de Rottenburg's appointment has not been confirmed by the Horse Guards solely because Colonel Young is to return to it. We have no doubt the "some one else" alluded to, is Sir Allan himself. Certain it is that the Adjutant-Generalship of the Militia of United Canada will never be given to a Lower Canadian.

If Major de Rottenburg be removed, the Government at least owe it to him to make him one of the Inspecting Field Officers of Militia. We have reason to believe that he was greatly instrumental in drawing up the new Bill for the organization of that force.

The whole matter places Lord Cathcart and Mr. Draper in a very awkward and doubtful position.

ANOTHER PUBLIC ABUSE.

We understand that Mr. —, a Clerk in the Crown Lands Office, has been charged and found guilty of having received bribes for giving lists from the office, of Militia claimants, to parties who, acting on the information thus derived, obtained Powers of Attorney of a date subsequent to those originally received from those claimants by agents and purchasers of their claims—thus opening a channel for defrauding both the purchaser and the agent. We refer those who have an immediate interest in the matter to a certain political lawyer of high standing, who, we understand, has been a sufferer by the fraud. We are in possession of the name of the clerk, who is still in the office, but abstain from naming him, until we see what the Head of the Crown Lands Department has to say on the subject.

STILL ANOTHER.—A gentleman, who has been upwards of twenty years in the public service, at Quebec, has recently, and without the slightest cause of complaint against him, been given to understand by the Administration that his place is wanted by somebody else—of course, one who can give them his support in a political character, in some anticipated emergency. If this be the work of the Attorney General East, we can only say that any constituency that will return him to Parliament a second time, will prove themselves base, and truckling, and abject in spirit indeed. It is a disgrace to the country that such acts should be permitted. If Conservatism is to be a prevailing principle in the formation of an Administration, the Chief Law Officers of the Crown and the Provincial Secretary must vacate their seats in the Council. As they are so fond of telling others that they must leave their offices, to be filled by greater favorites, the sooner the same principle is applied to themselves, the better. In regard to Mr. Daly, it is high time that he should cease to be known by the not very flattering soubriquet of "the Perpetual Secretary."