

hope to be supported by loyal men, and by the Government also; and to merit such support, policy at least, should dictate to them the wisdom of not making themselves obnoxious by mere mute anti-British demonstrations.

Yours Faithfully,

JOHN SMITH.

BUSINESS NOTICE.—Advertisers will find *The Bee* one of the most reliable mediums for communicating with the public. Its circulation is very large, and it goes amongst every class of society. Our space is limited, and early application will be necessary.

Subscriptions will be received for *The Bee* from the rural districts at \$1 per annum. We shall be happy to receive contributions, but it is almost needless to remark that they must be of excellent quality, and suitable for a publication of a high order. Respectability is a *sine qua non*. The author's name must in every case accompany the contribution, not necessarily for publication, but as a guarantee of good faith.

All letters must be pre-paid. All communications to be addressed to the Editor of *The Bee*, Drawer 5, Ottawa Post Office.

OUR AGENTS.

Parties throughout Canada wishing to act as Agents for *The Bee*, will please advise us.

At present the *Bee* may be obtained from Messrs. DENT & SON, Stationers, Mr. J. H. BAKER, News Agent, and of the *Newsbury*, Ottawa; and Messrs. OMBISTON BROTHERS, Prescott.



"Adhibenda est in jocando moderatio."

The Bee.

SATURDAY, JUNE 2ND., 1866.

AN EXPLANATION.

We regret that the remarks of our Prescott correspondent "Quill," in our last issue, have been thought by Capt. Duck to be open to a construction making them applicable to the officers of his Garrison Battery. We need scarcely assure him that they don't apply to them, and that it is not likely another could have imagined such to be the case. We assured ourselves, however, of the correctness of the allusions before publishing the letter.

COURT CIRCULAR.

The Court has lately been removed to the Russell House.

Hon. W. P. Howland, Hon. Mrs. W. P. Howland, Hon. little Howland, [and she howls too,] and Hon. Howland's servant, arrived at the Russell House on Thursday, and retired to rest at night. Hon. Mrs. Howland walked up Sparks Street yesterday.

Hon. T. D. McGee arrived at the Russell about five o'clock yesterday morning, and was admitted. Several persons paid their respects to the hon. gentleman in the morning, and were so dazzled by the hon. gentleman's presence that they have not been able to see any one since.

Col. McDougall also arrived at Court on Thursday. He was deeply immersed in business yesterday, having been seen slowly walking towards the Parliament Buildings, with a sheet of paper in his hands. Before starting he lit a cigar.

It is expected the Court will go to church to-morrow.

CABINET MEETING.

A Cabinet Council sat all day yesterday, but none of our contemporaries appear to know what took place. *The Bee*, however, had a Reporter there. The door was locked, but he went through the key-hole; so we are able to furnish our readers with a correct report. All the members were present but those who were absent. Lord Monck sat at the head of the table, and said: Gentlemen, the Fenians have invaded the country; what's to be done?

At this all the members scratched their heads, looked very wise, and said—nothing.

At length John A. (appearing to have just caught the idea) said: We must drive them out.

Another pause. Hon. Mr. McDougall (with a grim and awful look) said: Yes, drive them out: leave not one behind!

Pause No. 3. Hon. W. P. Howland (with a look of inspiration) said: I have it! put them all in a bag, end throw them over the Falls.

Pause No. 4. Hon. F. Blair (in doubtful tones) Dinna ye think ye had better hang them? Upon which proposition the members all pondered a while, when

Hon. T. D. McGee (with a knowing look) said: Catch your hare before you kill it!

This was a new idea to many, and they sat cogitating upon it for a long time, until His Excellency rose and said, "We had better sleep upon it."

The Council then adjourned.

BILLS TO BE INTRODUCED

At the next Session of Parliament.

To incorporate a Company—Dr. Hunter President—under the name of "the Russell Bell Hangers." (W. P. Powell, M. P.)

To change the name of the Central Canada Oil Company to "The American Soft Soap and Clearing out Association."—(Mr. Currier, Ottawa.)

To prohibit the sale of wool in Canada, [object being to run out the breed of Wallace Lambs.]—[Mr. Macfarlane, Stratford.]

To change the name "Bothwell," to "The Canadian He-dorado."—Hon. Geo. Brown.

To increase the number of Classical scholars in Canada.—Mr. Jones, Leeds and Grenville.

To increase the supply of water and number of Tea-meetings.—Hon. Malcolm Cameron, (by C. Dunkin, M. P.)

To do away with punishment for engaging in free fights.—Mr. White, Halton.

To expel from the House the Hon. I. S. Huntington, and to prohibit his return thereto during the lifetime of the—Hon. T. D. McGee.

To revise the English alphabet by expunging the letter "i"—Hon. J. H. Cameron.

To incorporate a Company for the Manufacture of Vinegar—the introducer to have the monopoly.—Hon. William Macdougall.

To repeal the duty on a "Hot Scotch"—Mr. Dickson, Huron & Bruce.

DEGENERATE OTTAWA.

Almost every one is extolling the civilization and improvements of the present day. But Ottawa, it appears, is degenerating, for we lately heard a gentleman deploring, in no measured terms, that Ottawa was no more what it was, in proof of which he instanced the fact that even an election, now-a-days, would go off without even one free fight. So mote it be.

MR. MORGAN AT AYLNER.

Mr. Morgan is certainly one of the hardest men to criticise we ever knew. His writings are of such a nature that they completely deprive the critic of the great resource of comparison. In dealing with a writer who is only moderately ignorant and absurd, the critic can compare him to others who are either a little better or a little worse. But Mr. Morgan has positively reached the lowest depths in both these respects. He has touched bottom, and in doing so has fallen so far below any one else who ever took pen in hand to write for the public, that there is positively no one to compare him to, or contrast him with; he stands in a *genus* by himself, unapproached and unapproachable. We are led to make these remarks through having lately perused Mr. Morgan's last literary performance, the lecture which he delivered at Aylmer a few months ago, on "The place British Americans have won in history." The title of this lecture is certainly a high-sounding one, and well adapted to awaken feelings of patriotic pride in every inhabitant of these Provinces. Most people, perhaps, are not aware that any great number of British Americans have gained historical distinction; but that is because they do not know how little it takes either to give a man a "place in history," or to constitute him a British American. Until we read Mr. Morgan's lecture we were ourselves in horrible darkness upon both these points; but we have now been enlightened, and it is with a sincere desire to "let our light shine before men," that we proceed to impart our newly acquired knowledge to the readers of the "Bee." The following, then, are some of the achievements which, according to our "celebrated Canadian," make men illustrious in history:—

- 1.—To have passed a creditable examination before the Royal College of Surgeons, England.—(See page 10 of the lecture, where the name of Dr. Grant of this city is mentioned.)
- 2.—To have studied painting in Europe, and "carried off a prize at one of the Academies."—Page 10.
- 3.—To have been the author of an Oxford prize poem.—Page 11.
- 4.—To have become a successful copier of paintings at Florence.—Falardeau, page 11.
- 5.—To have occupied seats in the parliaments of Australia, Vancouver's Island, and British Columbia.—Page 11.
- 6.—To have been French Consul in Hungary.—Page 12.
- 7.—To have passed creditable examinations at Sandhurst.—Page 13.
- 8.—To have obtained honours, and won a boat race at Cambridge.—Mr. G. D. Redpath, page 12, note.
- 9.—To have fallen in the Crimea.—Page 18.
- 10.—To have obtained the position of Queen's Counsel in England.

Now no one will deny for a moment that to pass creditable examinations, and compose prize poems, are performances of which a man and his own private friends may not unreasonably be a little proud; but—we appeal to every one's common sense—could anything more absurd be conceived than to collect a lot of cases of this kind, and to publish them under such a title as Mr. Morgan has chosen? That gentleman must indeed have somewhat strange notions of history if he imagines, as he certainly does, that achievements like the above are sufficient to invest their authors with historical importance. Nothing could more strikingly exhibit the exceeding littleness and childishness of his own mind than the mean and paltry conception he has formed of the nature of history, and the kind of actions which entitle men to honorable places