

into Canada by water from the States, excepting in open boats; that that act had been repealed, but that again the repealing act had been repealed, reviving therefore the former one; which yet has never heretofore been acted on. In addition to my own enquiries, I shall be obliged to any correspondent who will give me all the information he can on this subject.

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What does the new editor of the Herald mean by saying, in his notice to correspondents, in a late number, "that, in the warnings which the author of some verses, entitled the *Charri-vary*, holds out to the public, "of the dangerous and turbulent spirit it encourages, we think he has omitted the real cause why it should be prohibited, we mean, that the votaries of it, are ANTI UNIONISTS?" Does he mean that a national and favourite custom, setting aside its merits or demerits, ought to be put down for no other reason than because its advocates are opposed in politics to the domineering Scotch union-faction? This is indeed a motive and conclusion worthy of that narrow despotism which pervades that insignificant, and illiterate, but overbearing and ambitious, part of our community.

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In the London Courier of 31st January, an extract of a letter, said to have been written in Lower Canada in November last, has been published, which I was at first surprised to find has not been noticed by any of our public papers; since the Courier being supposed to be the organ of the ministry in England, and in some points looked upon as a demit-official paper, might be considered, in publishing that letter, as displaying the views, which administration might have had laid before them, of the political state of this province, and of the grand question of union, or no union. When I reflected, however, that this letter, although its general tendency is against the union, likewise contains much matter very unpalatable to the anti-unionists, and is in fact one that, as a whole, can please neither party, my surprise abated. In republishing it, I do not pretend that I do not care for pleasing either party; on the contrary I avow my desire to please the anti-unionists, for whom I entertain infinitely more respect and esteem than for the unionists; but I think it right that, since the question is supposed to be alone decidable in England, the people here, whether unionists or anti-unionists, should know what is thought and written about them there; and also that the people in England (for the Free Press is also circulated at home) should be told in how far the public papers there are right or wrong in what they communicate about Canada; for this letter will be moreover a good vehicle for conveying my desultory remarks upon the topics it embraces: and is likely to serve, as the poetical texts of some modern authors do, for pegs to hang notes upon.

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