

gratuitous to assume that General Allen had any reason for classing Mr. Morrison among those whom he styled "friendly to the cause of Liberty" (*i.e.*, disloyal to the British Crown and therefore disposed to welcome the American invaders) other than that this gentleman happened at the time to be well known as a leading Merchant at Montreal.

Mr. Morrison, was afterwards one of the principal members of an Association named the "Greybeard Society or Club" of which he acted as Secretary. This consisted exclusively of gentlemen whose connection with Canada dated from the year of the conquest—1760—and its work seems to have been limited to attendance, at stated periods, upon social entertainments to which each member had the right to invite as guests one or two friends. The latter, according to the minutes kept by the Secretary, were official or non-official persons of note in the Colony, though not long enough residents in it to entitle them to the honours of membership as *Greybeards*. The Society was in existence anterior to the American Invasion, not long after which its meetings appear to have been very irregularly attended, until, finally, they ceased altogether.

Mr. Morrison and his family interested themselves in every thing appertaining to the history and progress of Canada.\*

The following is General Ethan Allen's letter, carefully copied as respects the peculiarities mentioned above.

I remain, Gentlemen,

Your obedt. servt.,

Quebec, April, 1874.

H. H. MILES.

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\* His son, also a Montreal Merchant, was an acquaintance of Lambert, on the occasion of this traveller's visit in the early part of the present century, and probably was one of his informants in imparting knowledge concerning the affairs of Montreal, and of the upper country at that period. About 18 years later, that is in 1836, fifty years after the American invasion, Mr. Morrison, Junr., referred to Lambert's visit, and gave a description of Duberger's celebrated Model of Quebec, in his correspondence with friends at the capital. A daughter of Mr. Morrison, Senr., still survives, a resident on the ancient family demesne, acquired, I believe, about the time of the conquest. This lady's clear recollection of events, notwithstanding her advanced age, is truly remarkable, enabling her to discourse on those which occurred 80 or 90 years since, such as the *dark days* of October, 1785, and on various incidents connected with the affairs of old Montreal, and with the active life of her father.