



CITY OF MONTREAL.

1874—JANUARY—31 days.

The Moon's Changes.

F. M'n. 2nd, 2.9 af. / N. M'n. 18, 5.6 m'n.
L. Qr. 10th, 3.1 af. / 1st Qr. 25, 7.48 af.

			Sun rises	Sun sets	Sun's Declin. South.	Moon R. & S.
1	Th	NEW YEAR'S Day. (See "Stray Notes.")	7 47 4	21 23	01 6	40
2	F	Dr. Andrew Ure, an emi- nent chemist, dies.	7 47 4	22 22	55	Rises
3	S		7 47 4	23 22	50 5	29
4	S	2d Sun. af. Christ.	7 46 4	24 22	44	6 33
5	M	Twelfth Day Eve. Epiphany.	7 46 4	25 22	37	7 38
6	Tu	Allan Ramsay, the Scot- tish poet, d. 1757.	7 45 4	28 22	30	8 40
7	W	Sir David Baird takes possession of the Cape of Good Hope, 1806.	7 45 4	29 22	10	10 41
8	Th		7 45 4	30 22	07	11 40
9	F	M. Russell Mitford d. 1855.	7 44 4	31 21	58	M'n.
10	S		7 44 4	32 21	49	0 42
11	S	1st Sun. af. Epip. Hilary Term begins.	7 43 4	33 21	39	1 44
12	M	Plough Monday.	7 42 4	34 21	29	2 50
13	Tu	Mdme. de Sevigné d. 1696.	7 42 4	35 21	19	3 58
14	W		7 40 4	37 21	08	5 08
15	Th	Dr. Sam. Parr born, 1747.	7 40 4	38 20	57	6 18
16	F	Sir J. Moore killed at the battle of Cornma, 1809.	7 39 4	39 20	45	7 18
17	S	He was born in 1761.				
18	S	2d. Sun. af. Epip.	7 39 4	41 20	33	Sets.
19	M	Isaac Disraeli dies 1848.	7 38 4	42 20	21	6 39
20	Tu	English Parliament meets 1265.	7 37 4	43 20	08	7 56
21	W	St. Vincent's Day. In some places, from the weather of this day, the peasant- ry prognosticate that of the future season.	7 36 4	45 19	55	9 14
22	Th		7 35 4	46 19	41	10 30
23	F		7 34 4	47 19	27	11 42
24	S		7 33 4	49 19	13	M'n.
25	S	3rd Sun. af. Epip.	7 32 4	51 18	58	0 55
26	M	Conversion of St. Paul.	7 32 4	52 18	43	2 08
27	Tu	Mozart, one of the most eminent of musical com- posers, born 1756.	7 32 4	53 18	28	3 19
28	W		7 31 4	54 18	12	4 28
29	Th		7 31 4	55 17	55	5 34
30	F	George III. d. at Windsor, Charles I. executed, 1364. Hilary Term ends.	7 30 4	58 17	40	6 28
31	S		7 28 5	00 17	23	7 09

STRAY NOTES.

1.—"The King of Light, Father
of aged Time,
Hath brought about that
day which is the prime
To the slow-gliding months,
when every eye
Wears symptoms of a sober
jollity."

Every first of January that we arrive at is
an imaginary milestone on the turnpike track
of human life; at once a resting-place for
thought and meditation, and a starting-point
for fresh exertion in the performance of our
journey. The man who does not at least pro-
pose to himself to be better this year than he
was last, must be either very good or very bad
indeed! And only to propose to be better is
something; if nothing else, it is an acknow-
ledgment of our need to be so, which is the
first step towards amendment. But, in fact,
to propose to oneself to do well, positively;
for there is no such thing as a stationary
point in human endeavours. He who is not
worse to-day than he was yesterday, is better;
and he who is not better, is worse.

6.—Epiphany is derived from a Greek word
signifying appearance. The festival occurs
twelve days after Christmas, and is held in
commemoration of our Saviour's manifesta-
tion to the Gentiles by a blazing star.

7.—On the 7th January, 1645, Mr. John
Evelyn was present at a peculiar ceremony,
which seems to have been of annual occur-
rence at Rome. It was a sermon preached to a
compulsory congregation of Jews, with a view
to their conversion. Mr. Evelyn says,
"They are constrained to sit till the hour is
done, but it is with malice in their counte-
nances, and so much spitting, humming,
coughing, and motion, that it is almost impos-
sible they should hear a word from the
preacher. A conversion is very rare."

12.—Plough Monday is the first Monday
after Epiphany, and was observed by our an-
cestors by drawing a plough in procession on
this day, indicating the period for renewing
rural labours after Christmas.

30.—In December, 1264, when that extra-
ordinary man, Simon de Montfort, Earl of
Lancaster—a mediæval Cromwell—held the
weak king Henry III. in his power, and was
really the head of the State, a parliament was
summoned, in which there should be two

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