

THE OTTAWA TESTIMONIAL TO MR. PERRY.

Mr. Alfred Perry, whose name is so familiarly and favourably known in connection with the suppression of conflagrations, has been the recipient of a very flattering but well-deserved testimonial from the people of Ottawa and neighbourhood. This testimonial was given in recognition of the signal services rendered by Mr. Perry to the sufferers by the great fire in the Ottawa district, which reached its maximum destructive power on 17th Aug., 1870, a day long to be remembered by the people of the Ottawa country, either for the losses they themselves sustained, or for those they saw inflicted on their neighbours. The presentation took place at the Russell House, Ottawa, on the 31st ult., on which occasion Mr. Perry was entertained at a banquet by the leading citizens of Ottawa and the contiguous counties. The testimonial consisted of a handsome silver water pitcher, goblet and bowl. On the pitcher was the following inscription:

"Presented to Alfred Perry, Esquire, by a number of the citizens of Ottawa and vicinity, in recognition of his efforts on behalf of those who suffered by the great conflagration of the 17th August, 1870, and as an acknowledgment to those citizens of Montreal who contributed so liberally on that occasion."

The idea of the presentation originated with the Ottawa Fire Relief Committee, who felt grateful to Mr. Perry, not merely for his personal services and very valuable advice in fighting the fire fiend, but also for the great energy and success with which he exerted himself in getting up the very liberal contributions in money, or its equivalent, which were sent from this city. Under the zealous management of the Secretary of the Committee, James Fraser, Esq., ample funds were soon raised for procuring the testimonial, and also a very handsome balance in cash, which was turned into gold and placed in a pocket-book, which was deposited in the pitcher, and bore the following inscription:

"Alfred Perry, Esq., from a few of his Ottawa Valley friends."

In the absence of J. M. Currier, Esq., M. P., the Mayor presided at the banquet. After the customary complement of loyal and patriotic toasts,



TESTIMONIAL PRESENTED BY THE CITIZENS OF OTTAWA, TO ALFRED PERRY, ESQ.

His Worship made the presentation accompanied with a written address and concluded a eulogistic speech by proposing Mr. Perry's health. Mr. Perry, in his response referring to the special circumstances connected with his visit to Ottawa at the time of the fire, said:

"The smoke and the ashes from the burning district seemed to obscure the sun. He was returning, with his Fire Brigade from Vaudreuil where they had been combating fires. 'I need that was the third day they had been fighting fires; and had taken no rest for three or four nights. He instantly telegraphed to Mr. Brydges, who, with his usual promptitude and generosity, at once placed an engine and cars at his disposal, and they came to Ottawa quicker than any mortals had ever come before. Mr. Reynolds was equally prompt; and also gave him the means of reaching Ottawa from Prescott without a moment's delay. A debt of gratitude was owing to those gentlemen for their noble conduct."

We may add that the testimonial of which we give an illustration on this page is equally creditable to Mr. Perry's zeal, and to the gratitude of the people of Ottawa who are ever ready to repay with interest any service rendered them.

On the coast of Scotland marriages fluctuate with the catch of herrings—no herrings, no weddings, and vice versa.

An Irish doctor advertises that all persons afflicted with deafness may hear of him at his house, where also blind persons may see him daily from ten to twelve o'clock.

A Boston woman refuses to permit her husband to go on a fishing excursion, "because he was very apt to get drowned when he went upon the water; and, moreover, he did not know how to swim any more than a goose."

Mount Vesuvius is now in eruption, although not very actively. A correspondent of the *Athenaeum*, who, in company with some friends, visited the neighbourhood of the great crater not long since, relates a noteworthy fact in regard to the large blocks of stone which are hurled into the air at intervals. They ascend without any rotary motion whatever, so that their shapes can be clearly perceived; while, on the other hand, they rotate rapidly in descending, and their motion is then accompanied by a hissing sound.



OLD HOUSE IN ST. LOUIS ST., QUEBEC, WHERE THE BODY OF GEN. MONTGOMERY LAY ON 31ST DEC., 1775.



STREET SCENE IN THE SUBURBS OF QUEBEC—FROM A SKETCH BY W. O. C.