

Mr. Trip in sending me this admirable descriptive and humourous sketch, desires to inculcate caution both in me and my correspondent as "spies abound, and letter-openers can not be too severely castigated." I have myself suffered so much by the infamous actions of a set of prying scoundrels in that way, that I will lash with scorpion-whip, all intercepters and openers of private letters whenever they come in my way.

Mr. Trip has the merit of practicing what he preaches ; he says ; "The hypocrites, the insolent official characters and placemen ; the mushroom gentry who devour all the good things in these colonies are fair subjects for animadversion, and when a man of abilities applies the lash of ridicule, all who are in any degree able should contribute their mite to strengthen his army." I hope his example will excite extended emulation.

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*Fort Chambly, 17th April.*

Sir,

The most effectual way, no doubt, to ensure success in any public undertaking is at first to endeavour sedulously to conciliate the minds and win the regards of those upon whose countenance or favourable report rests the chief reliance for support. A motive similar to this, probably influenced the present manager of the steam-boat *De Salaberry* to invite a party of his neighbours a few days ago to enjoy an excursion of pleasure as far as *St. Denys*. The party was small, but as I have received an account of it from one of the happy few, I will give it you in nearly the same words. We departed from the basin at ten o'clock, and, with the advantage of the rapid current of the *Richelieu*, the water-waggon cut through the liquid element as swiftly as a bird