

Great credit is certainly due to Mr. Foyne for the skill displayed by him as well as in the "Beaux" as the "gastronomical" department. Every thing requisite, or even desirable, was supplied in ample abundance, and the arrangement and ornaments of the table were in elegant and excellent taste. His execution, I am sure, must have given universal and unqualified satisfaction.

Well, Sir, notwithstanding a few trifling, and to the "Beaux" of the evening, no doubt, entertaining mishaps, and the rare or two slight "disagreements" naturally consequent upon them, every thing passed off in the most satisfactory and gratifying manner, nor do I believe that even the "acidities" of the "cynic" had one been present could have "snuffed" out the slightest sentiment of disapprobation. All appeared to be harmony, stability, and good will, and each appeared to make it a duty, as they most assuredly must have found it a gratification, freely and impartially to reciprocate their pleasures.

Thus should it be, and thus let us hope, may it be. This may be the revival of the "Quebec Assembly" be the death-knell of those invidious and unworthy distinctions of set and party, which have so long preyed upon the very vitals of our society, and polluted even the atmosphere of our domestic hearth—that, at the end of the season, as well as at the close of each Assembly, but one unanimous and universal voice of satisfaction may be heard among us, and but one sentiment of deep, sincere, and devoted good-will may animate every bosom. Thus may the demon of "discord" be kept far from our doors, and domestic peace and social happiness be our constant and happy lot;—and, in conclusion, may succeeding generations, in blessed ignorance of the causes which have marred their fathers' peace, have occasion, with one heart and one mind, to rejoice in the re-establishment of the "Quebec Assembly."

"OBSERVATOR."

Quebec, 26th November 1841.

For the Quebec Argus.

Sir,—In a former number of your journal, there appeared a pointed Editorial paragraph touching the dangerous and dangerous state of the single wall, immediately outside of Palace Gate, calling the attention of the proper authorities, whoever they were, to the fact that the lives of human beings were daily exposed to imminent risk, by the dilapidated state of the aforesaid parapet wall. The circumstance of such a notice having been made in your columns, and with no evident result of utility, was forcibly brought to my mind by two recent occurrences, strongly illustrating the danger of the spot, and of which I with many others was an eye witness.

This morning a young and spirited horse, owned by a carrier, grew frightened or restive, from some obstruction in the upward passage of the Gate abovementioned, and furiously swerving round, in a mad bound or two was within an ace of springing over the miserable apology for a wall in the place to which I allude, and dashing himself, carcase, and contents—there lost a nurse with two young children, to pieces over the precipice. It was only by dint of the most determined action on the part of the driver, aided by others, that the wild plunging animal was restrained, and forced back, and down the hill from the place. The same afternoon two ladies were descending the street into St. Roch, and walking on the boarded way beside this accused crumbling "run," the wooden part being covered with snow, and very slippery, the lady next the well-slipper and fell upon it, and had not her companion firmly and on the instant grasped the large rope of her cloak, I verily believe she would have gone over the rock. She was so much frightened at the danger she had incurred, as nearly to faint when rescued from it. I may as well observe, that the lady is both willing and ready to give her testimony in the face of her very narrow escape from death in this spot.

Do not these things speak volumes, and render unnecessary even the bitterest comment on the neglect of allowing this broken wall to remain in its present state.

If expense is to be weighed in the balance against the lives of Her Majesty's subjects, why is not some cheap and readily constructed wooden railing or fence erected temporarily; for if something is not done, assuredly human life will be the first victim to later in this dangerous locality.

A LOOKER ON.

Quebec, 26th Novr. 1841.

For the Quebec Argus.

To the Editor.

I am a great admirer of appropriate gracefulness in all pursuits and matters, whether of business or recreation, and it offends my eye sorely, when I observe any thing to militate against my idea of it. This being understood, therefore, I should like to enquire for an explanation, from some one of your many readers, why it is, that a fashion so strongly prevails among certain of the Tandem-drivers in this good city, and "cracks" too, in their own estimation, of shutting one eye hard and knowingly, while seated with "the ribbons" in hand, and holding their whip sloping backward over the right shoulder, with the thumb part dangling pleasantly in the faces of those behind, as if they were grasping a smelt, and fishing backwards in a venture of fun. I should very much like to know, if any new rule regulating such matters has sprung up of late; for in my time, pursuant to the style for "handing the stick," laid down by the best "Whip" of the day, a person guilty of this owl-fashion of winking, and flourishing a whip-stick, like a recruit with his musket, and warily attempting to "slope arms," or a "rigger" carrying a corn-bag, would be set down as a regular "lunk," and no mistake whatever in doing so.

Also, I should wish much to have it explained to me, if the horses in this country, usually employed as tandem-drivers, are either more aggressive or sturdier than the cattle so officiating elsewhere, as I have frequently remarked, and with astonishment too, their frequent practice of facing right about, coming

to a dead stand, and staring the man on the box full in the face, with an expression in their countenance, as if to a horse-facognitionist might construe it, as though they wished to enquire of their brother animal what the devil he intended next. For my own part, I do believe that there is more of a correct purpose, on the brute's side, in this last manoeuvre, which is more frequently practised in turning street corners, than what commonplace beholders imagine, at least it so forcibly strikes on the observational faculties of

1841. TANDEN.

To Correspondents.

We have received an epistle signed A. C. (more properly, I suppose, we rather think from the crowquill nicety of the character,) relative to the admission of certain individuals to the Quebec Assembly which took place last week. We decline inserting this communication from the pointed and evident responsibility of its application; and also from a difference of opinion, in some slight degree, with the writer as to the good taste, in it now, of broaching the question of "distinctions" which have the colouring of individualism about them. It should be remembered that a "journalist" in active and industrious personal attendance on his business, which is both proper and praiseworthy on his part, comes not by any means under the classification in commercial grade, of "Shampan," as the term is understood by us, however the question may be viewed by people who in similar stupid motives of commercial rank, are very prone to "assume a standing," they hold it not.

We take this opportunity of stating that we will enter into no further communications (and if we have received one we have done you and our) relative to the first Quebec Assembly; the public has had a sufficient quantity of the matter, and the one appearing in our columns to-day was intended and set up for our last paper but was accidentally shot out.

We acknowledge A. F. (more properly, I suppose, we rather think from the crowquill nicety of the character,) relative to the admission of certain individuals to the Quebec Assembly which took place last week. We decline inserting this communication from the pointed and evident responsibility of its application; and also from a difference of opinion, in some slight degree, with the writer as to the good taste, in it now, of broaching the question of "distinctions" which have the colouring of individualism about them. It should be remembered that a "journalist" in active and industrious personal attendance on his business, which is both proper and praiseworthy on his part, comes not by any means under the classification in commercial grade, of "Shampan," as the term is understood by us, however the question may be viewed by people who in similar stupid motives of commercial rank, are very prone to "assume a standing," they hold it not.

Young Jossy had better know when he is well off, and leave his "journal" alone, as we ourselves have taken the liberty under our particular regard; and whatever it may do for our wisdom or honour to say to him, castigatingly, or in full force in a "whistle," we shall allow of no one in our paper to "report" a "journalist" or family of the worthy old gentleman, and senior Professional.

COMMERCIAL.

LIVERPOOL MARKETS, NOV. 4.

CORN TRADE.

Wheat per 70 lbs	40 1/2	41 1/2
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