

RASCO'S HOTEL.

Our enquiry respecting the above building has not elicited any reply, and we therefore give a simple resumé of its history as far as recorded.

It stands on the north side of St. Paul Street, west of Claude, it was opened May 1st, 1836, and was not only the largest hotel in the city, but was far in advance of any other in Canada; it could accommodate 150 guests.

In Bosworth's *Hochelaga Depicta*, it is said:—"On its site formerly stood the palace of M. Vaudreuil, Governor-General. The hotel is formed by two large separate buildings erected at the expense of £9840; the furniture in them cost £3300. The enterprising conductor formerly occupied the building next the Theatre Royal, known as the Masonic Hall, which was destroyed by fire, April 24th, 1833. The present building is noteworthy as the resting place of many celebrated visitors to Montreal; amongst others, Earl Mulgrave and Charles Dickens, who have recorded their pleasant reminiscences with respect to their visit, but we are not aware of its being connected with any important event in the history of the city.

We shall be glad if this reference to it should unearth any time-honoured record.

—A. M. Smith, the numismatist, of No. 533 Chesnut street, Philadelphia, has published a thick pamphlet "Illustrated History of the United States Mint." The work, which, is a very interesting treatise of coins and coinage, as well as on the mint proper, is crowded with engravings of different styles of money, and the machinery used in making it, and is of great value to coin collectors. (Price, 40 cents.)