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We perceive by our exchanges that very great respect is expressed by all parties for the undignified and unpatriotic language used of late in both Houses of the Provincial Legislature. In former times, the utmost courtesy was observed by the members, and the most scrupulous courtesy towards each other was at all times maintained. Sir A. McNeil while remained Speaker of the Lower House, promptly restrained the very first symptoms of every undue liberty taken, by any member, and in consequence the discussion was carried on with something like temper and decency; but since the present Speaker came into office, there has been nothing but confusion worse confounded, and members have been using language towards each other that would disgrace a pot-house. The real truth seems to be, that Mr. Morris's personal character is by far too amiable and indecisive to have much influence upon so noisy and rude a set of men as he has to preside over, and, apart from political prepossession, he seems, from absolute timidity or fear of giving offence, to shrink from using his authority; even when his own feelings and some of property tell him that he ought to repress rudeness which he yet allows to pass unpreserved. Brother Jonathan seems rather astounded at our Parliamentary capriciousness, though he evidently chuckling at the fine opportunity he has got of retorting upon us with interest for the ridiculous we have been accustomed to hear upon him in reference to the bairns' propensity exhibited from time to time by certain members of Congress. What has become of English dignity and French courtesy, of which both nations boast so vaingloriously! In Congress the bairns his paws according to French *bonnehomme* or English coolness what has become of the *modus et honesta civilitate* of both!

The time is fast approaching when a dissolution of the present irregular and rude body will place the public interests of the country once more in the hands of the electors, and their own interests will be to return home at home, and to return to the House of Commons, whatever may be the political bias, of the courtesies of life or dignity due to themselves, to their constituents, and to the House in which they sit.

The city has been quite in gait dress for some days back. On Sunday the procession of the *Fete Dieu* was interrupted by the rain which continued to pour down with almost no intermission during the whole morning. In the afternoon there was a partial muster, and a parade from the Church of Notre Dame, along Notre Dame Street, down Bonsecours Street towards the Bonsecours Church; but it was hurried over, and greatly shorn of its usual splendor. The walls of the houses along which the procession went, or was expected to go, were very tastefully decorated with branches of trees and festooned with flowers, but a great many of the houses which had been brought in from the surrounding country were, in consequence of the heavy rain, never used. Had the day been propitious, the strength of the city would have presented a very gay and vivacious appearance. As it was, it wanted nothing but the fire-works to remind us of the 4th of June in the good old loyal times of George the Third.

Yesterday being the anniversary of St. John Baptist, the French Canonniers marched through the streets with colours flying, drums beating, and musical instruments playing. The procession was a very long one, accompanied as it was by the children of the French Schools attended by their masters, and by the students of the S. C. College with their masters. The whole of the children, and couples of flowers upon their heads, and many of them had little jewellies in their hands, and these jewellies, being placed together and ranged at regular distances, gave great variety to the scene, and imparted a very picturesque effect to the eye of a spectator, particularly if he was determined to stop and to look at it. We thank our French friends rather well as in the getting-up and managing of these pageants—the different flags were well painted, the devices happily chosen, and the line of the procession was kept with nearly as much precision as if the different bodies had been detachments from regiments of the line.

Mr. Baudot.

This Lecture concluded his Course last night.

The discourse was characterized by the brilliancy of language, happiness of illustration, and plausibility of remark by which the preceding was very remarkable.

Dr. RAPHAEL'S CHARITY LECTURE.

As our readers will perceive from our advertisement, the Rev. Dr. Raphael will deliver a lecture this evening at the Haye House, at half-past eight o'clock, on the subject of "The Poor of the Lower Philanthropic Society." This generous conduct on the part of the eloquent and learned Raphaël, quite unparallelled as we have it, deserves the entire sympathy of our people.

As Dr. Raphael has lived for many years in Germany, and as his lectures here, as well as his reputation abroad, prove him to be a man of close observation as well as elevated and cultivated taste in the judgment of the Committee that we think it would be paying but a compliment to their discrimination to call him a "foreigner." But, as we have it, the marks of our care have been tickled with a sufficient promise of reciprocity, and occasional announcements of the singularly important arrangement going on in Germany. But the public have now lost interest, and the whole thing has turned out to be a bag of wind. It is reported that the important communication from Washington has arrived, and that that is to be reciprocally. It is however true that the *Times* does not yet ascertain it has been in operation.

The Rev. Dr. Raphael's simulation of the Rev. Dr.'s generosity, has fully proved the correctness of the statement.

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