

C. Hoffman, jun., lessee of the Albion Hotel, who declared himself determined to spare neither pains nor expense in rendering the dinner worthy of the occasion on which it was to be given. The result proved that Mr. Hoffman made no empty boast, the whole of the preparations having been got up with a degree of splendour hitherto unequalled in Quebec. The surrounding country was scoured for the purpose of obtaining the choicest in the land, and not without effect,—for, though provisions of all kinds are now unusually scarce and of very inferior quality, the best of every thing was to be found on the table of the Albion Hotel on Monday last. The large ball-room, which had been fitted up for the occasion, was brilliantly lighted, and presented a splendid *coup d'œil*. The tables extending the whole length of the room, were united at top in the form of a horse shoe, and were loaded with good cheer. A large number of vases of natural flowers, of the most beautiful kinds, were placed on the table, and diffused an agreeable perfume throughout the apartment. On the right of the President, we observed a vase containing very large Scotch thistles, furnished for the occasion by Mr. Murray, of Beauport. The decorations of the room were extremely *unique* and characteristic, the walls of the room being entirely covered with flags. Directly over the President's chair was displayed a new transparency, painted by Mr. Delcour, of this city, representing the Regalia of England, surrounded by festoons of the rose, shamrock, and thistle, with the following words: "King and Constitution; Sir Francis Bond Head." This transparency was supported by the two splendid banners and the spears of the St. George's Society, and the colours of the 4th regiment of Canadian Militia. At the foot of the room, over the orchestra, was a transparency with the words "The Loyal People

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