

from 1842, and with Brooks' and Miller's Almanacs from later dates. To illustrate the use of Calendars in testing history : on page 132 of Sandham's "Montreal," the breaking out of the City's most devastating fire is dated Thursday, July 9th (1852), but the 9th was Friday. The inference is that the honored author of that valuable work connected the day of the month, on which the news was published, with the week-day on which the fire started.

On page 135 of the same work, the celebration of the opening of the Grand Trunk Railway to Portland is stated to have occurred on Monday, 18th June, 1853, and, as the 18th actually fell on Saturday, and the news was doubtless published in Montreal on the following Monday, the author has evidently made the opposite mistake, of joining the right day of the month and the week-day the news was published.

As Chronology has the advantage over history, that it is less offensive to state facts than to impute motives, the present notes are brought up to date and may serve to recall other links in the chain of recent affairs.

The paragraphs concerning Vermont may seem, but are not, disgressive, for No. XI of the "Articles of Confederation and Perpetual Union" invited Canada "to all the advantages of this Union," while humiliating the New Hampshire Grantees (Vermonters) by the clause, "but no other colony shall be admitted into the same, unless such admission be agreed to by nine States,"—nine out of thirteen, whereof two were inimical and one large and influential.

Threatened with invasion by New York, New Hampshire and by Congressional forces, as well as from Canada, it is not surprising that leading Vermonters, with the Governor's approval, discussed, with British officers, terms of reconciliation, nor that Vermont long deferred accepting a tardy offer of admission to the Union, nor that, in 1812, the Governor of Vermont disapproved of the War which ruined half the merchants and cost half the shipping of the United States.

Exceptional attention is given to matters of 1829, in order to preserve a record of facts contained in a semi-official almanac which preceded the Directories of Montreal, and may be the only copy extant.

The Calendars of single years generally indicate the holidays ; but, believing that approximation to the old rule, "Six days shalt thou labor and do all thy work," will lighten the general task ; and learning that the Legislature is about to abolish one or more of these burthens of the rich and poor, the author avoids the likelihood of misleading the public by attaching existing holidays to the Calendars of nearly a third of a century to come.