

## OUR PORTRAITS.

The three syllables, our portraits have no allusion to the faint resemblances of our characteristic nose and hunch which decorate alike the walls of the streets and those of the Emperor of China, with whom Punch is a great favorite. Our portraits are those of Messrs. Mack, Montgomerie, Heward, Ferres and Perry, men whose names will be handed down to posterity, by the Canadian Babington Macaulay whenever he makes his first appearance and by Punch as the five men who first suffered in the work of socially and politically regenerating the inhabitants of the benighted and lazy province of Canada.

Punch has looked with great care over the columns of the Pilot for information on two points. Firstly why these gentlemen were put into prison and secondly why they were let out. Both of these acts could not be right but being the acts of the people now in power it would be odd if they were not both wrong. Punch has no desire to excite too much sympathy for the sufferers of the "incarcerated ones" but did he condescend to relate the soup, fish, fowl and flesh consumed by the unfortunates, to appease their bodily misery; and the champagne imbibed, to assuage their mental anguish; and the night-mares consequent on lack of exercise; the public mind would know; if the public ever knows what its mind is, that the ancient dormitories of torture were couches of moss compared to Mr. McGinnis beds of Horror. But a consolation to their injured innocence must have been the cheering shouts which issuing from the throats of sturdy thousands spoke the sympathy of honest hearts; and told the tale of speedy deliverance; and the cheers of the assembled yeomen when that deliverance was accomplished reached from the jail to the Government House, now the guarded jail of the Administration and caused the leaders of "the majority" to turn pale and tremble: contrasting strongly with the smiling and cheerful faces of the liberated prisoners; who preceded by the "glorious Union Jack" and followed by admiring crowds rode triumphantly through the streets, where the violators of their liberty, dared not show the tips of their noses.

## SPORTING INTELLIGENCE.

It has been a subject of great regret with Punch that the reports from the game districts of Upper and Lower Canada, have been anything but satisfactory. But he is delighted to learn that the present Liberal Ministry have, as an after-dinner recreation in this dull city, resolved on providing sport for the amusement of their supporters. The first *Battue* came off opposite Tetu's Hotel, on Wednesday evening last.

## PAST AND PRESENT.

His Excellency having failed in *Gull-ing* the Loyalists of Canada, the *Bird-ensome Yolks* since laid upon him, have seriously effected the stateliness of his *Carriage*.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

We have great pleasure in giving insertion to the following highly important document:

MONTREAL 7th May, 1849.

SIR,

I have the Governor General's kind permission to say that the report in your paper of yesterday, reflecting injuriously upon my character as a gentleman, and upon my honor as a major in the army, are without foundation.

Your obedient Servant,

T. E. CAMPBELL, Major.

To the Editor of the Montreal Gazette.

MONTREAL 7th May, 1849.

SIR,

I beg most emphatically to assure you that since I have been in this country, I have never once thought or spoken of local politics nor do I now know what all the existing agitation is about. Most assuredly, if it be caused by the treason rewarding Bill, all I can say is, that I have no opinion as to the wisdom or justice of the measure. I have never spoken of it to my brother nor he to me. My brother's views, I would say, were about as clear as my own on that subject; and he may have expressed them to Mr. LaFontaine, but I should hardly think he had gone so far with any one else. You will be good enough, therefore, to make known my share in this business, in your next issue, as I am exceedingly desirous of not being misunderstood just now.

I remain, Sir,

Your Obt. Servant,

R. BRUCE.

To the Editor of the Montreal Gazette.

## CORPORATION PROCEEDINGS.

A member of the City Council has given notice of an amendment to the Bye-law, respecting the safe keeping of Lucifer matches, so as to bring within its provisions members of Parliament and particularly Cabinet ministers, all of whom it is now admitted, should be stored in incombustible cases.

An Alderman goes farther, and proposes that articles of this description should be considered as gunpowder, and admitted into the City only under a license from the British authorities.

## TO CORRESPONDENTS.

We decline answering the following question.

"Don't you think that the floating capital of the Swimming Club, might be made available for giving buoyancy to the Shakespeare Club?"

## Punch, No. 9,

Will be Published, on SATURDAY, the 19th Instant, and will contain a PORTRAIT of the

**MAN WOT FIRED THE PARLIAMENT HOUSE.**

Punch having discovered the Incendiary, and his artist having drawn a faithful likeness, the traitor, with the assistance of Punch's executioner or engraver will be brought to the block. Punch will also Publish a fine PORTRAIT of

**THE HEN WOT LAID THE EGGS!**