

on the motive which finds expression to-day in the restrictive building covenants that promoters of real estate subdivisions are accustomed to impose on their lots.

Colonel By on behalf of the Government purchased the property on which Messrs. Firth & Berrie had built their hotel, and these gentlemen were allowed to remain in possession.

If this little wooden tavern on the banks of the Ottawa lacked the architectural grandeur of the Chateau Laurier, its advertisement lacked none of the dignity of its pretentious successor—

“Firth & Berrie beg to make their most grateful acknowledgement for the very liberal patronage and support they have received from their friends and the public for the long period of nine years of which it will be their earnest study to merit a continuation by contributing to the utmost of their means and power to the comfort and accommodation of those who favour them with their countenance and support.

“The romantic and highly picturesque situation of the Union Hotel, which commands a most interesting view of the mountains and scenery in the vicinity of Hull, the islands and banks of the noble Ottawa, the magnificent Falls of the Chaudiere, over which bridges are now about completed, and the works and improvements in Upper By Town will render this place a delightful retreat either to the delicate invalid, or scientific tourist.

“The accommodations will be of a superior kind; the table will be furnished with the choicest viands that the season and the situation of the country will afford, and the wines and the liquors will be of the best quality that can be procured either at Bytown or from the most respectable dealers in Montreal.

“Bytown, 1st September, 1828”.