

(Letter from Mr. P. T. Barnum to Mr. Larocque, Proprietor of Plantagenet Springs.)

Sir,—Although a stranger to you, I cannot refrain from sending you this letter, inasmuch as I believe it may be of valuable service to some portion of your public, and especially to citizens of the United States, and other strangers who visit Canada.

When in Montreal, six years ago, with my family, we were all seriously affected by drinking the river water—a consequence almost invariably produced upon strangers who visit Montreal and Quebec.

On my present visit to your city, a medical friend residing here strongly recommended me to abstain from using the river water, but, instead thereof, to drink your Plantagenet Spring Water, and I have been doing so for several days, with the most happy results.

Its taste is by no means disagreeable, and its effect is exhilarating in the extreme, giving increased appetite, and materially improving the general tone of the stomach.

I take great pleasure in recommending your pure Plantagenet Spring Water to all who would quench thirst with a good and healthy drink, instead of making their throats and stomachs receptacles for bad brandy, adulterated rum, or other alcoholic 'beverages' under whatsoever name they may be known, from Old Hock, Madeira, or Champagne, to mint juleps, brandy smashers, or gin cocktails, all of which are acknowledged by the medical faculty to be destructive to health, ruinous to the mental faculties, and when indulged in even moderately, always poisonous to the healthy stomach.

I am, Sir, yours respectfully,

P. T. BARNUM,

Iranston, Bridgeport, Connecticut.

Montreal, May 31, 1852.

Boston, 6th June, 1852.

To the Proprietor of the Plantagenet Springs, Montreal.

Sir,—Having recently passed through your city on my way hither from Western Canada, I had occasion to remain there a few days, and previous to my leaving for this place, purchased a few gallons of your Mineral Waters, of which I had heard so much spoken, and after its usage by myself and family, confess it to be an invaluable preventive against, and the cure of all diseases, arising from summer heat, as it is extremely refreshing, and keeps the blood pure and clean.

My wife, who had, for a couple of years past been complaining of the