

THE PRESIDENT OF FRANCE.

Our readers are well aware that we had been from the first opposed, from principle and from conviction, to the pretensions of Louis Napoleon Bonaparte.

To affirm of all kinds, and more especially to public business, M. Bonaparte is entirely new. Of the 41 years of his life, he has not spent five in France.

But with the recent example of the cool and imperturbable career—the serene intrepidity—the admirable judgment—the prompt intelligence—the exquisite good sense and parliamentary tact of his predecessors—Cayenne—we had hoped that President Bonaparte would not have assumed pretensions never claimed by the descendants of St. Louis and Henry IV.

By no means deny that between a certain class of intriguing politicians and the assembly, the President is placed in a position of difficulty. But he should, above all things, eschew secret and irresponsible advisers.

There is a late arrival from California bringing intelligence that a region of gold, richer than any yet known, has been discovered north of the former placer.

The latest dates from California, arrived here by the schooner Buro, are equally flattering in relation to the gold region.

The Mormons declare that the discovery of the gold mines in California, is the result of their selection of that country for their abode.

The Observer.

SAINT JOHN, FEBRUARY 6, 1849.

CIRCUIT COURT.—We insert to-day the Presentment made by the Grand Jury at the recent Circuit Court, some part of which might be liable to misconstruction.

The following Petition to the Legislature has been got up by our Agricultural Society, and is being signed:

That your Petitioners, believing that the future prosperity of this Province depends very much on the cultivation of an improved mode of Agriculture, and being of opinion that that end will be best attained by means of Agricultural Schools, Model Farms, and Agricultural Societies, do therefore petition your Honour, that you will be pleased to appoint, and sufficient funds placed at its disposal to carry out the objects.

Next Friday evening, Mr. LeSueur, Esq., will resume the subject which he commenced last Friday evening.—The History of the Compilation of the Canon of Scripture, the various translations and other circumstances which have attended the transmission of the Sacred Oracles down to the present time.

On next Monday evening, Mr. Boyd will deliver a Lecture on the "Importance of a right knowledge of Character," a subject which having never before been treated upon in our halls, and one in which our young friends will have ample scope for his observing faculties, we trust he will on that occasion be greeted as forcefully with a crowded audience.

CITY CHARTER.—On Tuesday last, the draft of the new City Charter was passed in Common Council, by a vote of 12 to 10. The bill is now before the Grand Jury, preparatory to its being sent to the Legislature.

The vote stood thus:—Yes—Aldermen Needham and Lockhart; Assistants Fairweather, Keane, McAvity and Wilson; No—Aldermen Harding, Vanhorne, and Bond; Assistants Hagarty, Assistant Beatey and Bond.

Another American Steam Ship at Halifax.—The American steam ship United States, Capt. Hackstaff, 22 days from Southampton, for New York, put off on Tuesday last, for a supply of coal, and on her arrival, she was met by the High Sheriff in compliance with a numerous signed requisition.

On Wednesday, at 2 o'clock, His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, escorted as usual by the Military Departments, the Military Officers of the Garrison, and the Members of the Common Council of this City, arrived at the Province Building, and was received with the honours usual on such occasions.

It is with great satisfaction that I know for the first time meet the Legislature of this Loyal Province. I know that we have in view a common object—the fulfilment of our duties to Her Majesty's Government, and the welfare of the People in this part of Her Dominions.

PREVIOUS TO ADJOURNMENT, THE JURORS PRESENTED THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS TO HIS HONOUR JUDGE PARKER, WHO MADE A VERY FEELING AND APPROPRIATE REPLY:

To the Honourable Mr. Justice Parker, presiding at the Circuit Court holden in and for the City and County of Saint John.

My dear Sir, The Jurors in attendance at the present sitting of this Honourable Court, beg to convey to your Honour our warmest thanks for the kind and urbanity of your Honour towards us during these protracted sittings, and also beg to express our gratitude for the expeditious manner in which the business has been proceeded with thereby, saving so much of our time, and which we consider is attributable to the judicious regulations made by your Honour to facilitate the sittings.

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THE MEANS WHICH LIBERALITY PLACED AT THE DISPOSAL OF THE GOVERNMENT IN THE LAST SESSION, HAVE BEEN FULLY APPLIED IN SURVEYING THE GROUND FOR AN IMPROVED RAILWAY BETWEEN SHEDAC AND THE CITY OF SAINT JOHN.

The means which liberality placed at the disposal of the Government in the last Session, have been fully applied in surveying the ground for an improved Railway between Shedac and the City of Saint John.

With a view to the extension of our Commercial intercourse, the improvement of the River St. John appears to be next in importance the subject of Railways. Our object should be, so far as is practically, to throw open the inland communication by steam between the Bay of Fundy and the River St. Lawrence.

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