

KIND READER.

We owe you an apology for our absence, during the long interval that has elapsed since our last greeting.

As excuses are now considered a legal tender, we must also with others, but with greater justice, attribute our desertion to the sad effects of the "hard times," who could be merry amidst misfortunes, and who could laugh when all around were weeping. Our paper which was once considered the best in the city, and passed current every where, was, by the threats and denunciations of a large moneyed institution, stopped in its circulation and protested against; the consequences are easily guessed. We will not dwell upon our picture of that institution, it was our Do(o)m(e).

Many of our old friends have however pitied our misfortunes kindly encouraged our views, and earnestly solicited us to resume our reflections; with such inducements, and also the promise of all necessary endorsements, for a renewal of our paper we venture once more before you as a candidate for your favor.

Be therefore indulgent, accept our good natured salutation, and each and every one of you, imagine yourselves again heartily agitated, by the active agency of our editorial fist.

We are ambitious to please you, even if our lucubrations afford only sport to our enemies.

Our modest sheet will not promise much, but what it does promise, that will it fulfil.

We cannot immortalise ourselves by wonderful feats, extraordinary reformations, or bloody revolutions. We are humble individuals. We cannot like Empedocles jump into Etna, or set fire to a Public Edifice; if we were seeking fame on the latter score we would not hesitate a moment, to put the brand to the cupola of the Montreal Bank, and thus become an immortal benefactor to the fine arts. We cannot kill hydras or destroy Unicorns, congregate a meeting of monsters, in the hay market, explain Responsible Government; tame Hyenas, invent a new pattern for pikes, or murder the Queen's English in seditions orations.

All we wish to achieve, is to speak the truth boldly, and send our impressions to you for approval.

In our first number we defined this position we intended to assume, and we have had no reason since, to change that determination.

As regards politics we are neutral. We will bide our time patiently, until the rogues that are "in" fall out, when according to the old proverb we, and all honest folks will get our rights.

We long since cut party politics in disgust. As we were not born a prophet, we could not, for the very life of us, know two days a head, what course any of our public men would pursue, or on whom to depend. It would indeed require a smart telegraph, to communicate the numerous changes and reforms our present Government contemplate. We have indeed made up our minds that politics is a mere game of cross corners, in which, at the end of each year, every man changes his place, to the opposite direction.

The game has often puzzled us, and we will not bewilder our readers with an explanation of its intricacies, or the reason of these changes, or how some who have changed places and are "in" affect the warmest attachment to our Sovereign Lady the Queen her Crown and Dignity, who a few month past, refused to be enrolled in her Militia, exulted in the defeat of her troops, and gloried in rabid attacks upon her chosen Representative in this Province. Or how others are now so contented with their "situations" in life, who have hitherto confessed themselves the most abject slaves in existence, and "hip-hip hurraed" destruction to the Saxon, and the Government that prevented them from being "great, glorious and free."

But enough—enough, we are tired with such professions, such charlatans, such liberal patriots, such Reformers, and such ARDENT REPEALERS.

We will speak more of such things, at a more convenient season.

The truth will be told of all without fear, and without metaphysical abstraction, we will not disguise our opinions of men and manners.

It is our hope and will be our endeavour that our sentiments may not be shrouded in mystery, as impenetrable and caliginous as the liberality and loyalty of the present administration. We pledge ourselves that all abuses, public delinquencies and small measures will be exposed in the Market place, as a caution to evil doers.

In conclusion we must respectfully intimate to our old friends, the great obligation all are under to Printers, and the consequent duty they owe to these able functionaries, of compensating them for their valuable services with, stipulated sums of the precious metals. We also further state, for the information of our readers, that checks on the Montreal Savings Bank are taken at par.

We would also further intimate to our readers that if our Publication meets with sufficient encouragement, our pages will be adorned with well finished "wood cuts;" at present we can only treat them to those admirable "cuts," that are visible on the pages of our present number.