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If all be true that is told of the present prospects of Sherbrooke and neighbourhood, and we have no reason to doubt it, never did any drooping tree have such vigour so suddenly infused into it, and exhibit so instantaneously such promising foliage, as do the Eastern Townships at this moment, under the reviving influence of the British American Land Company. If we refer often to this subject, it is because almost every day furnishes fresh evidence of the success that already smiles upon the affairs of this Association, and because nothing can afford more real pleasure to the true patriot, than to witness the improvement of a most valuable section of the country.

Apart from all political considerations, the conversion of the forest into fertile fields, that will yield abundance and comfort to the husbandman, and that are soon to become studded with human habitations, may be contemplated with delight by the philanthropist, whose soul is constantly overflowing with kindly feelings to all mankind. But, to the true patriot of Lower Canada, to the man of liberal and generous views, the settlement of the forest lands by a race that is to a considerable extent emancipated from noxious prejudices ought to, and must, be an object of still more intense interest; inasmuch as it is to a great increase of the enterprising population in every district of the province, and especially in the Eastern Townships, that he can look for the complete and permanent deliverance of his country from a galling subjection to a national and unprincipled faction. The Seigniorial lands, where a distinct and a stationary race has been burrowing for generations, have, as things are, too much weight in the province; and it is only by adding substantially to the real importance of the Eastern Townships, that the dead weight of the Seigniories can be counterbalanced. And, in no way can this be more effectually and speedily accomplished, than by the means which the Land Company is employing—than by the expenditure of money, in the making and improvement of roads, the establishment of stores, &c., and by otherwise holding out inducements for immigrants to make that portion of the country their home.

The principle of a numerical majority, in whatever way the qualification may be determined, is the only one at present recognised in political affairs, as the standard to which the ultimate appeal is made on all great questions. However open to objection this mode of settlement may be considered, it is a mere waste of words to decry it, when there is not the slightest prospect of its being altered for a better. The rule we must take as we find it, but no means should be left unemployed, which would fill the country with an enlightened and industrious population, and thus neutralise its present evil consequences in this province.

The following are the concluding paragraphs of an article of some length, in the last *Quebec Mercury*, on Mr. ROEBUCK's late exhibition in the House of Commons :—

"Mr. Roebuck had certainly taken great pains to prepare the Parliament for his way of thinking, and to pave the way to the annihilation of the Legislative Council, against the Members of which body he appears to entertain, for some cause or other, a most vindictive feeling, and loses no opportunity of calumniating, when he can do so under the cloak of privilege, and that without taking much care to advance only what he can justify—but then it must be considered he speaks and writes only according to the instructions he receives from his employers here; neither his writings nor his speech in the present case appears to have gained him many disciples in the House, and certainly he has made few converts amongst the conductors of the public Press.

"It is, however, to be regretted, that falsehood disseminated at the distance of 3000 miles must stand for a long time uncontradicted,—and it appears that many, in England, have lost too ready a belief to the fabricated conversations and negotiations. Mr. Roebuck has detailed in his pamphlet, as having taken place between the Governor-in-Chief of this Colony, and the Commissioners, with some leading Member or Members of the Assembly, touching the instructions of His Excellency, and the arrangement of the financial difficulties, some by the sacrifice of the Council.

"We would by no means be understood to speak by authority—far from it, we have had no communication whatever on the subject with the personages accused; nevertheless, we can state with confidence that they are prepared to give the fullest contradiction to Mr. Roebuck's statements, and we believe we may add, with equal confidence, that they have for their immediate steps to rebut the charge, made by the Agent of the Assembly, on the spot where the publication was first made."

The *Canada* steamer arrived in port last night, about half-past nine o'clock, having left Quebec the preceding night at ten. She had 66 cabin and 740 steerage passengers.—There were two vessels ready to be towed up when she left, but it was thought advisable to leave them behind, in consequence of the large number of steerage passengers she had on board. A serious accident might have happened to the *Canada* coming into port had the night not been so clear; a raft was lying in the mouth of the entrance to the basin, and was just seen in time to be avoided.

VERY LATE FROM TORONTO.—We are indebted to the attention of our Prescott Correspondent for intelligence from Toronto, in the remarkably short space of *fifty-four hours*. At two o'clock on Tuesday afternoon, Mr. DRAPER, the Constitutional candidate, was 54 ahead of Mr. SWART. We subjoin the state of the poll at the close on preceding day :—

Patriot Office, Monday, 20th June,
4 o'clock, P. M.

STATE OF THE POLL.

Draper	62
Small	33

Dreadful weather or at least 200 would have been polled. Nothing can withstand the fervour of the Constitutionalists.

The following deserves the widest circulation, and it is to be hoped that the authors of the infamous and systematic attempt to injure the interests of the Welland Canal, will meet with deserved punishment. Can any one interested in the Erie Canal be so unprincipled, as to countenance these slanders ?

Welland Canal Office,
St. Catharines, June 14, 1836.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE COMMERCIAL ADVERTISER.

GENTLEMEN,—It is with regret that we so frequently notice the impositions practised upon the editors of the New York papers, by some persons disposed to injure our property, as well as that of our citizens. The last fell a notice was published in some of your papers, stating that the Welland canal would be closed, by order of the board of directors, on the first day of November. No order of the kind existed—the canal was in good order, and remained open until closed by the ice—but that false notice produced the desired effect, and lost us the November trade. In your paper of the 9th June, I observe the following paragraph, viz :

"WELLAND CANAL.—It is reported that one of the locks on the Welland canal has given way, and a schooner has sunk in the ruins."

This game is certainly, to say the least of it, highly dishonorable—and I desire seriously to make the inquiry.—Would not the company have legal redress in your courts of justice if special damages can be shown ?

Will you have the goodness to inform me, either by letter or through the medium of your valuable paper, whence the information published by you was received. The canal is in good order and vessels passing daily. The safety of the route for merchandize and produce has been so successfully tested for the last two years, that any comment on that subject is unnecessary.

I am, gentlemen, very respectfully yours,
WM. HAMILTON MERRITT,
President Welland Canal Co.

We are sorry that we cannot give our esteemed correspondent the information he desires. The paragraph, consisting of two lines and a half, is one of those items of news which do and must get into every newspaper, nobody can tell how or whence. It was probably copied from some Canada paper, or perhaps from one in the western part of this state. We perceive that the one immediately preceding it was taken from the *Niagara Gleaner*, probably this was from the same. It was given, of course, as an item of intelligence merely, without any suspicion of its accuracy, or any intention to injure the business of the Welland canal.—*Eds. Com. Adv.*

The Convention of Constitutional Delegates had their first meeting yesterday. We understand 45 gentlemen were present, and that it is expected, before Monday, about 15 more will arrive in town.

His Excellency the EARL of GOSFORD, accompanied by his Capt. CLERKE, A. D. C. arrived at the Government House between three and four o'clock yesterday afternoon. He crossed from Longueuil by the ferry-boat, and as he entered the town the usual salute was fired from the Island of St. Helens.

The Right Hon. EDWARD ELLICE has arrived at New York from London, in the packet ship *Samson*.

Dr. BRASEBIER, and Messrs C. S. ROMER, Z. I. TRUTEAU and T. B. FABRE, have been appointed Commissioners for the Summary Trial of small causes in this City.

Lower Canada.

The Farmers of the Townships, laboring under the disadvantage of an uncertain market for their produce, have hitherto been contented to raise enough for home consumption, or at least the surplus has been of very inconsiderable amount. Now, however, that cash can readily be obtained for every article which can be raised, the farmer ought to push things to the utmost, and make his hay while the sun shines. If we consider for a moment, the immense amount of rents, taxes, and other burthens, against which the farmers struggle in England, and notwithstanding this, the comfortable style in which they live, and the heavy sums which they devote to the education of their families, we cannot help forming a very mean estimate of our own industry and skill. We have simply winters to be sure, and labor is higher, but the land is free and unencumbered, and we have the additional inducement to exertion, that every acre which we bring under cultivation becomes a valuable and permanent property to ourselves and our children. A man need to labor, who, in due season, gets up with the sun, and who is to be seen, not lounging all day about the Stores and Taverns, but working like a Beaver, and preventing himself, raise double what can be consumed by a family of six persons, without the aid of hired labor. The great drawback on the prosperity of the farmer, now, is the want of system—the little value set by him on time—and the inefficiency of his tools. Many preparations which might well be made during the winter, are allowed to interfere with the operations of spring. It is unusual to see persons who have been settled on their farms ten or fifteen years, lose the best part of Spring repairing their fences, which, after all are of so fragile a nature, as to afford no security. How much money and time which are spent in idleness, might be devoted to getting logs to the mill, and cutting cedar posts or some such business. Without good fences, no farmer can expect to succeed, and it cannot be expected that any person will take a farm, but only to enclose it from without, but to divide it, so that the parts appropriated to different purposes, may be conveniently distinct. Any farm, with any good fencing, never will be regretted. It appears to be a popular opinion, that farming in the Canadas, is not suited to capitalists. To us this appears a fallacy with which people are ready to fall in without well considering the question. It has been heard as the experience of persons who were in, no respect qualified to give it a fair trial. The system which seems peculiarly adapted for this class, viz. the rearing of sheep, and growing of wool, has never received any attention in the Townships, although a little attention to the affairs of our neighbours would fully convince us of the certainty of success. The fact is, those whom we considered capitalists were persons who had very little money indeed to devote to the purposes of agriculture, having quite enough to do to support their families for one or two years, and who were contented to commence operations with inferior farms, and seasons, a couple of cows, and a half dozen pigs or sheep. These were our capitalists, but a man in England who has to pay £100 a year rent, must at least have one or two thousand pounds with which to stock his farm, and put it in working condition; he never can expect to get a hundred a year and support himself from the increase of two cows and six pigs; yet this is exactly the sort of trial which the thing has had in the Townships. This experiment must be fairly tried; not by persons who have a little money in their pockets, or who require all they have to procure the necessaries of life, but by men who thoroughly understand the business, and who are not afraid to invest their money in the stock from which they expect their returns. A parsimonious expenditure of money is often worse than useless, the principal being thrown away without such a state of organization and efficiency being produced as is necessary to ensure a return. It is obvious to any one that a machine half finished is of no use, and that unless the sum wanting to complete it be applied, the first money is thrown away. A half built ship cannot be sent to sea, no matter what the expenditure has been; the same with farming; it will not answer to do things by halves—either complete whatever is begun, or keep your money, and do not meddle with it at all. We shall in our next follow up the subject.—*Farmers' Advocate.*

A few days ago 500 counterfeit half dollars were discovered by a boy near the road side, about a mile distant from the village of Richmond. The nest of coiners known to have existed in the village of Richmond was broken up some years ago, by the apprehension of several individuals of the gang. The boy who found the half dollars disposed of fifty of them for two shillings and sixpence, and attempts have since been made to pass them; we trust, however, that the Magistrates are on the alert.—*Ib.*

About one hundred families have already been located at the Company's new settlement on Salmon River. They appear to be delighted with the country, and one man was heard to remark, after he had taken possession of the deserted log hut of a squatter, that he would not return England for the best five hundred sovereigns in the Bank. This is the spirit of independence with which a man ought to enter the bush. Some few complain of having been overcharged for bread on the road from Port St. Francis. Those who have overcharged them deserve to be exposed, and we can assure them that we shall have very little hesitation in doing so if the imposition is persisted in. Three pence per lb. for bread we look upon as a fair price, and anything beyond that an overcharge.—*Ib.*

A gentleman who arrived in town this week from the St. Francis Townships, states, that on his way down to the St. Lawrence he met more than a hundred carriages, with emigrants, proceeding to those Townships.—*Quebec Paper.*

The body of the late Captain Davis, was found yesterday morning, near the Church of St. Pierre, in the Island of Orleans. His watch, keys, and some money, were found on him, and have been restored to his friends. His remains were interred this morning, followed by a large concourse of friends, amongst whom were a number of Canadian inhabitants of Point Levy. Many of the vessels in the harbour hoisted their colours at half mast, in token of respect for the deceased.—*Quebec Mercury.*

From the Quebec Mercury.

THE ARMY.—Thousand battalion of Royals were at the date of our latest advices, prepared for embarkation, and the arrival of the first division may be daily looked for, in the *Metra* transport, from Cork.

WAR OFFICE, *May* 12.

60th—Lieut. W. G. Gillman, to be captain, by purchase, vice Strachan, who retires; Ensign and Adjutant A. Mainwaring, to be Lieutenant, by purchase, vice Gillman; Ensign H. G. Wayne, from the 97th Regt. of Foot, to be Ensign, vice Mainwaring.

71st—Major Hon. D. Napier, from the half-pay unattached, to be Major, vice S. D. Pritchard, who exchanges.

From the Limerick Chronicle of May 18.

It is currently reported in the military circles, that a Lieutenant-General will be sent from England in the course of the summer, to take the command of the troops in Canada.

While on the route from Dublin to Cork, to embark for Canada, the Royal Regiment heard a report that their destination was countermanded, and that the 1st, 71st, and 85th regiments would be sent forthwith to the coast of Spain.

May 21st.—The 66th regiment is expected from Canada the latter end of this summer.

United States.

The appeal of Gen. Bunt to the people of Texas and the citizens of the United States, fortunately for that country, the battle of Santa Anna has not terminated the war. According to this address, the number of Mexican soldiers still in Texas is about 5000, while the Texian force under command but little more than one-tenth of that number. Since the date of the address, the little army we possess, has been considerably strengthened by volunteers. Among the good effects which will result from the capture of Santa Anna, this is one, we think, that the sentence of prisoners will cease. Not that the savage character of the Mexican soldiers has been softened—but as they know that a repetition of the tragedy to which Fannin's regiment were butchered, could probably be followed by the shooting of the officials Agua and the prisoners taken with him at the battle of April 21st, they will be restrained from such acts in future.—*Journal of Commerce.*

The Duke of Sutherland, Lord Holland, Earl Mulgrave, and the other members of the Foreign Office, are to dine with Mr. Van Buren, the minister of Willie-phus, to express a monument in marble of the late James Perry, Esq., formerly the proprietor of the *Morning Chronicle*. We have seen the model, which represents Mr. Perry in a sitting posture in his library, and before him, elevated on a pedestal, is a copy from Bellikens of the bust of the Right Hon. J. C. Fox. The resemblance of Mr. Perry is extremely faithful, and the entire arrangement of the monument graceful and elegant.

We regret to state that the Bishop of London has had a sudden and alarming attack of internal inflammation, which at one time threatened the most serious consequences. On Friday he was bled copiously, and on the following day the operation was repeated three times, at short intervals. We are happy to find that the treatment adopted has been successful, and that his Lordship was considered out of danger on Monday.—*Globe.*

The Emperor of Russia has sent to the colonies an order for one thousand pair of flesh-colored silk pantaloons, for the dancers at St. Petersburgh and Moscow. They are to arrive at their destination before the end of August.

MONTREAL, SATURDAY, JUNE 25, 1836.

We beg to inform our friends at Sorel, Berthier, Three Rivers and Quebec, that Mr. WILLIAM KINLOCH, *of this Office, will, in the course of a few days, wait on them with their accounts.*

Mr. Solicitor-General HAGERMAN has been returned for Kingston; Lieutenant CLARKE who was the other Constitutional candidate, declared upon the hustings that he had discovered that he was not qualified to be a member, but that he should take care to be so against another election.

"Lieut. CLARKE is described to have read from the hustings a short and good humoured address, the chief points of which, as indicating his principles, were that he was opposed to a dominant church, and also opposed to Mr. PETER PERRY and Co., and would exert himself to the utmost against democracy."

The several Constitutional members that had started for the county had come to an agreement for all to retire but two. This is as it should be.

The Cobourg Sentinary was opened on Saturday. There was a procession consisting of the professors, the preachers in the neighbourhood, the pupils, the architects, the building committee, and a number of the inhabitants. The Rev. Mr. RITCHIE, the Principal, delivered an address on the occasion.

A general meeting of the supporters of the Committee of Trade, will be held this evening at 8 o'clock, in the Exchange News Room, when a detailed report of the Committee's proceedings for the last year, will be submitted. All who take an interest in the commercial prosperity of this city and the country generally, are invited to attend.

The Cherokee Indians of Tennessee, have shewn a disposition to follow the example of the Seminoles and Creeks, and have already committed several depredations upon the white inhabitants.

The anniversary of St. JEAN BAPTISTE, the Patron Saint of Canada, was celebrated on Thursday evening, by a dinner at RASCO's Hotel. The *Vindicator* says that one hundred and twelve individuals were present.

We learned last night from our Prescott Correspondent, that in the forenoon of the 23d instant, Mr. DRAPER was 66 ahead of his opponent at Toronto. At Niagara, on Tuesday, Mr. RICHARDSON had a majority of 10 over Messrs. CAMPBELL & STEWART.

There is little probability, it is said, of Mr. MACKENZIE being returned for either of the York Ridings; his friends are busy, but the triumph of loyalty and Constitutional principles, may be considered as almost certain.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE MORNING COURIER.

SIR,—I was, when last evening, unanimous indications exhibited by the Government, of a design to impose upon the Canadas the domination of the Church of England, notwithstanding the loyal and general reclamation which the country has put forth against such a policy, it is important to watch every movement and every demonstration of the party who are in hostility and abortion, and to meet with the most prompt, strenuous and determined resistance, every effort for this end, from whatever quarter it may come.

I observe in the supplement of the *Montreal Herald*, of the 18th instant, a Speech, delivered by the Rev. Dr. CROLY, at the late Conservative dinner in London, connected with the most concentrated spirit of High Church. The Reverend orator hails his Church to the skies, as the nation, and the nurse, and the conservator of British Liberty!

I should here, at any other time, pause over such a guesimode, as only fitted for the credulous ears of Laud and bigots of Church and State; but believing that the tendency, if not the express design of the assertion of such a theme merged is to promote the docility to be wielded, consternation, (as they would have us believe) of the landmarks of the Church of England in the colonies, or at least in this province in the Canadas, we cannot be at peace without a fulmination. The Church, in the minds of all who have the slightest acquaintance with either its civil or ecclesiastical history, is Prince, sole ruler, and infallible monitor of the citizenry with which the Sovereign and crown has associated itself. Its ministers, in their assumptions; it can only make the intelligent and well-informed smile to scorn with the contempt which it merits—by a reference to the best authenticated facts and conclusions of history. The Reverend Speechifier is evidently a special pleader—or, which does not mend the matter, he is a pleader in his own cause; in chemical phrase, we have a very abundant extraction of personal and party feeling. His Majesty's present Government have given mortal offence to Dr. CROLY and all his fraternity, by their avowed purpose to grant, at last, some participation in the benefit of the Tithes, appropriated heretofore exclusively for the support of a Protestant Clergy in Ireland, the sum total of whose flocks does not amount to a million of souls—to the six millions of their Catholic brethren, who are subjected, as well as the Protestant Dissenters, to this tribute. It is the terror of this portion of the Church Revenue which has given such edge to the tone and temper of Dr. CROLY's speech, and has directed the point and severity of his stinging invective against Rome. "*Hinc illæ lacrymæ!*" His passion has led the usual effect of blinding his intellectual and moral vision. He cannot discover any traces or symptoms of liberty, in any age or country where the faith of Rome has prevailed. As most, in his esteem, might you look for the germination of life in the ashes of the tomb, we expect any embryo blossoms of liberty, civil or religious, where the Papal Church holds sway. Now, we will affirm that nothing short of the most perverse blindness, or the grossest ignorance, could have denied the eyes of our orator, to the glaring, the astounding fact, that some nine one Catholic country of Europe has not been blessed with the enjoyment of civil and religious liberty, to the extent of England as unrighteously hosts. "True," Dr. CROLY would, perhaps, say, "something more than have intention has been attended to the Reformed Churches in some Catholic States of Europe; but this is no repugnant to the spirit and principles of Popery, as it is in harmony with the genius of the Protestant church. Well, and what then? the Roman Catholic rising superior to the projection of his education, and bursting the fetters, the involuntary fetters imposed upon him by a false creed, obeys the genuine inspiration of his moral nature, and is liberal in spite of his church and his creed, while the Protestant nourished with the pure milk—and breathing the unvitiated atmosphere—of mental and moral freedom, acts against light and conviction; the illiberality of his nature bears down the liberality of his creed. If this is a panegyric on Protestantism, most assuredly it is a libel or a satire upon Protestants. I concur with the Doctor, that the Reformers were highly instrumental in accelerating the maturity and perfection of free and constitutional governments in Europe. But, the early reformers were of a very different order of spirits from their successors, the high churchmen—the asserters of the divine right of Bishops and of Kings—who claimed for a lordly clergy, provided with all the pomps and splendours of this vain world—with ample wealth and endowments to gratify the utmost cravings of human ambition, and with all the emoluments, and powers and absolutism of the world. How unlike to our early Reformers, subject ed to poverty and persecution, many of them worthy to be classed with the primitive martyrs and confessors of the Christian church, and the haughty and ambitious churchmen, who are Kings over God's heritage, rather than the successors and representatives of the humble and lowly-minded Reformers. Mr. Vane, Hampden, were they now to rise from the dead, would, we apprehend, for the most part decline to vote at our orator, "of the essential value of the Established Church to freedom, could he demonstrate, it was given in the days of the *great rebellion* of 1640". If resistance to tyranny and arbitrary power be rebellion, what name his foregoing high encomiums on British liberty. Milton,