

advice, I quote another and equally charitable remark, "Do unto others as you would wish them to do unto you." Acting by this, I say that the visitor to Montreal, who leaves without visiting the Terrapin, neglects to become acquainted with one of the institutions of the city; and knowing the opinion of a host of "guerillas," who are a little on the "suction," one might be tempted to add—"So say all around."

*Albion Hotel, Montreal.*—As the oldest established, and one of the best managed hotels in Canada, we cannot close our remarks about Montreal without making mention of the Albion Hotel, St. Paul Street. For fourteen years it has deservedly received three-fourths of the Western trade. In the spring and autumn, when merchants are coming forward to the market to buy stock, this hotel is jammed. Other houses may be only half full, offering any amount of accommodation, yet, night after night, numerous "shake-downs" at the Albion have to be improvised, to meet the requirements of the occasion. The mention made in another part of this book, respecting the "drummers" who ply their avocation with such consummate skill, was presented first to the mind of the writer by personal observation of its workings at this house. Knowing that the great bulk of traders stop here, these "drummers" haunt the place from morning to night; in many instances engage their board, just to be on hand during the busy season.

Owing to the steadily increasing business, the proprietor, Mr. Decker, has, this last season, got possession of a block of buildings on Magill Street, for the purpose of enabling him to extend the hotel to that street. Workmen will in a few weeks be started, and, when completed, it will add some ninety rooms to the present building, giving in all a little over two hundred sleeping apartments. The office and saloon will then be removed to the front street, making the same much more cheerful and pleasant. Money will not be spared in the alterations about to be undertaken, and the well-known ability of Mr. Decker, who has worked up the reputation of the "Albion," and made it what it is, is a sufficient guarantee that things will go on improving from good to better and best. The charges, also, are moderate, and better suit the requirements of the vast majority of travellers, many of the so-called "first class