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MONDAY, FRIDAY JULY 8, 1836.

No papers were received by the New York Mail yesterday.

It is of some importance to note the extreme readiness to defend the mysterious doings of the Convention, which some of our journals display. If perhaps, some of our readers are not aware of the fact, we will state that the spirit that actuated the body, the kind of principles that were most favorably received, we might have found them so common with reason and justice and generally, that it is not in our power to do all in our power to call any anxiety of the public respecting them. But when we reluctantly bear what we wish were not true, we should not be discharging our duty to the public were we to profess silence in respect to reports, which, if they may acquire a dangerous and pernicious influence, and which, if true, cannot be too soon known to be deliberately condemned by the Constitutionists of Montreal. But what was the object of the Convention? Was it not to deliberate on the affairs of the Province, to obtain the opinion of Constitutionists of every shade of politics upon several general questions of policy? Where is the evidence that this object has been accomplished, and how much over are we to that state of unanimity, which is the secret of the strength of every great political party!

All that can be offered in reply to these questions is to be found in the Resolutions that were lately published by order of the Convention. An agent is therein recommended and appointed who is to be specially charged with a petition for the recall of His Excellency the Earl of Gosford. Our views on the advantages of sending an Agent to England while the Royal Commission is here, were freely expressed; and we have again to repeat that it ought to be a prime object with the Constitutional body, to furnish these Commissioners with every possible information on all the subjects in dispute; for it is certain that their Reports will have considerably more weight with the Government and the British Parliament than the representations of any Agent. Let it not be supposed that we would have the party attempt expelling the Commissioners. All that we contend for is, that the truth should be pressed home upon them. Bearing, as we do, that this is the best policy of the body, we were not a little surprised to learn that the Executive Committee of the Montreal Constitutional Association had resolved to offer no evidence before the Commissioners. Here again was our anxiety to know more of the proceedings of the Convention excited, for, with the information, it was intimated that the functions of the lesser body had become absorbed in those of the greater, and that the facts and details collected in so much trouble, are to remain locked up in the box of the Secretary of the Association.

We cannot pledge ourselves for the entire truth of these reports, but they present enough to warrant us to refer to them now and from time to time, till certainty be upon our present most uncertain and most unsatisfactory conceptions of the proceedings of the Convention.

The multiplicity of other matters prevented our taking more than a cursory notice of what has been doing at the Theatre Royal for some days past. On Monday evening the *Honey-Moon* and *Mary Stuart* were performed; to the fullest house the season has afforded; the entertainments were for the benefit of Mrs. TAYLOR.

PERMAN exhibited their comedy the *PERMAN*. With regard to the other dramatic persons, they were, with the exception of *Lampyris* in good lands—that part, hardly any thing was made; but, on the whole, the play went off very well. We wish we could say as much of the *melodrama*; if the author, or compiler, we should rather call it, made it an interesting piece, it must have been strangely marred in the performance, for, with the exception of the *Queen*, *Lady Douglas*, *George Douglas* and *Dryden*, it failed almost most lamentably. Now, though we are neither of those who plaudit praise with a trowel, nor, we flatter ourselves, of those who cut their cutting up a batchet, we cannot refrain, but in all good humor, from having a cut at our manager; and we may thank his stars he had to do with an audience evidently come with the intention of being pleased, for they certainly had their good nature put a good deal on the stretch in the last piece. *Mr. Master Managers*, did you ever turn to the pages of *Mr. WALKER'S* *Albion*. Alas, are you got up this drama, for we must own, that pretty considerable violence was done to our preconceived ideas regarding the manner of men, who intruded them-

selves on the ill-fated *MARY* in Lochleven Castle? Or tell us, was the gentleman in Hassan boots, sky-blue tights and tinsel choker, intended to represent the steel-clad and gaudied *Lord of Lindsay*? and pray which of the other two "sweet youths" was the gloomy *Rufus* with the blood of *Rizze* on his soul? If, in your opinion, such as these hold up the mirror to nature, and convey an idea of our Northern Barons, of the olden time, you must certainly have got some new lights on the subject, or else *Mr. WALKER* must be strangely in the wrong on these points. Now, mark us, good *Mr. Manager*, this is all in good earnest, we wish you, we wish us, you are a fair manager as managers go, if we could we would fill your house every night; but for your sake, for your own sake, do not try to pass upon us any more *Bartholomew fair* frippery, for the giant nobility of said Scotland—it went down—your wardrobe don't admit of it, stick to what you can do, and give us no more make-shifts. A word more, and we have done with *Mary Stuart*. Do not again put a disagreeable situation of spouting gibberish, and offending Scottish ears, (for let me tell you there were a good many such in the house,) with a jargon which is "heathen Greek" to us all, "and as you love us," don't let him mar our old national costume by his over fastidiousness. We have an idea where he got the hint. The modest *JACK REXE* always plays *Cupid* in black shorts under his muslin drapery; but we cannot sanction the innovation of corduroy inexpressibles, and striped silk stockings under the kit.

This evening *Mr. ARBUTT* plays *Macbeth*, for his benefit. *Mr. & Mrs. TERMAN* will also appear in that celebrated Tragedy. With such attractions we anticipate an overflowing house.

The British Armada arrived yesterday morning with 36 cabin and 360 stowage passengers. She left Quebec on Tuesday evening and brought the *Drypis* as far as Lake St. Peter, where she grounded.

By the Canada steamer yesterday afternoon, we received the *Quebec Gazette* of the preceding evening, from which we give the latest ship news, &c., in advance of the mail. The *Canada* made a very short run, she was only about sixteen hours on the way, including stoppages, two hours of which were lost in making ineffectual attempts to tow the *Drypis* off. That vessel will have to be partially discharged before she will be got float. The *Canada* had 32 cabin, and 300 stowage passengers.

About 1400 emigrants chiefly from the counties of Norfolk and Suffolk, has arrived at Sherbrooke, up to the 27th ultimo.

UPPER CANADA ELECTIONS. Our latest intelligence from Upper Canada of the result of the elections that have terminated, exceeds the most sanguine expectations of those who approve of the policy of Sir FRANCIS BACON. If the spirit of the voters of the *Alamo* was not dried with their glorious and memorable fall, and the brilliant victory of *SAN JACINTO* would show that it still lives, Texas is not far from realizing her complete independence by the strength even of her own arm. But, more than this, she has strongly aroused the sympathies of the United States Congress; and the resolutions recommended by the Committee of Foreign Relations to the Senate, expressive of the propriety of recognizing the independence of Texas, whenever a regular Government shall be established, has passed the Senate unanimously. Six other Mexican States are, late accounts inform us, preparing to unite and imitate the example of Texas, by declaring their independence.

We have been favored by JOHN WILSON, Esq., of St. Andrew's, (N. B.) who is now in town, with the Prospectus of the *St. Andrew's and Quebec Railroad*, also with a map showing the relative position of the proposed line to the North America Colonies, and a plan explanatory of the route. We have not as yet had an opportunity of looking into the Prospectus which is somewhat long.

Those gentlemen of Montreal who gave so good a proof of their interest in the affairs of the Sister Province, and in the efforts of Sir FRANCIS BACON's policy, as is stated below, deserve more than the praise which the *Corwell Observer* here bestows on them.

On Friday and Saturday last we had the satisfaction of seeing some of the most well-thought and influential members of the city of Montreal attending at the buildings and voting for the Constitutional candidates for the county of Ste. Anne. It is not, indeed, necessary to state the high positions to Messrs. McLENNAN and WOODRUFF, who received the aid and support of these gentlemen and the friends of the Government, and perfectly independent in their feelings. To

the Freeholders of the county, we would say, that they cannot and ought not to desire strong proof of the justice and propriety of the constitutional cause, in as much as they can hardly fail to perceive that persons having so large a stake in the country, and at the same time able to form correct opinions on all political subjects, and so perfectly independent in their circumstances, would not take the trouble and incur the expense of coming all the way from the city to exercise their elective franchise unless they saw and felt that it was a duty incumbent upon them to do so. We need not say our readers that even without their support Mr. McLENNAN's election was quite assured by a majority of 54 at the close, and had at least 4000 votes which could have been pulled during the day—but we are quite confident that such support must have been most gratifying to him and all the friends of the constitutional cause. We have no doubt, however, that the gentlemen who supported them have either showing his gratitude, or showing his respect for the high position occupied by the Freeholders.

Your obedient servant, MONTREAL, July 6, 1836. LIBERALITY.

LOWER CANADA. From the *Quebec Gazette*, July 6. We were surprised this morning with St. Vincent's papers to the 24th of May, by the *Count of the Governor Taylor*, but too late for this day's paper.

LATELY, SIR JOHN COLBURN—A letter was received in town today from Lieut. Genl. Sir John Colburn, by which we learn that the *General* arrived at St. Peter's, on the 24th of May, and the following general order that Sir John immediately entered upon the duties of his office as Commander-in-Chief.

HEAD QUARTERS, QUEBEC, July 1, 1836. GENERAL ORDER.—His Majesty having been pleased to appoint Major Genl. Sir John Colburn, K. C. B., to command the Forces in the Province, with the local rank of Lieut. Genl. all reports will in future be forwarded to the Headquarters of the Department for the information of the Lieut. General Commanding.

Accident.—On Monday last about 4 P. M. Wm. Edward DUNTON, a most promising young man, aged 12 years, nephew of Mr. Robert DUNTON, Grocer, St. Peter street, met an untimely death by the falling of one or two deals on his head. The deceased was playing about on the wharf near the spot formerly known as Taylor's Shipyard, when in endeavoring to climb up a pile of deals the accident occurred which caused so untimely a termination of his existence.

MONTREAL, SATURDAY, JULY 9, 1836. In consequence of the celebration of the sixteenth Anniversary of their National Independence, there was a general cessation of all business on that day in the adjoining States, and few if any newspapers were published in New York on the following Tuesday. We received a supplement of the *Journal of Commerce*, but it contains nothing important.

The troubles of Texas are not yet ended, and there is little immediate prospect of their being so, as the Mexican Government is threatening to invade the country with an overwhelming force. Whether the menace be more bravado, or be actually put into execution, Texas may be considered as completely severed from Mexico; for, with a small knot of determined men, she will be easily able to cope with any hordes of invaders that may be poured into her from her ancient confederates. If the spirit of the defenders of the *Alamo* was not dried with their glorious and memorable fall, and the brilliant victory of *SAN JACINTO* would show that it still lives, Texas is not far from realizing her complete independence by the strength even of her own arm. But, more than this, she has strongly aroused the sympathies of the United States Congress; and the resolutions recommended by the Committee of Foreign Relations to the Senate, expressive of the propriety of recognizing the independence of Texas, whenever a regular Government shall be established, has passed the Senate unanimously. Six other Mexican States are, late accounts inform us, preparing to unite and imitate the example of Texas, by declaring their independence.

Dear Sir.—Circumstances of a delicate nature prevent me from being present to give my reasons for not being present, I am quite agreed, that your meeting should be held at the residence of the Hon. Mr. BACON, and will feel happy to attend the same, I am, Dear Sir, a warm friend to the cause of the Province, and will be glad to see you at all times.

A collection was taken up amounting to £1. Fifteen members were added to the Society, eight of whom signed the total abstinence declaration. The meeting then broke up, all seemingly pleased and satisfied.—Communicated.

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