

To a meeting
General Adversaries are requested to send in
of these nominations was given at the last meeting
their favor before eight o'clock, P. M., on the
evening prior to their publication.

Auctions will begin by calling in their
Sales before six o'clock, P. M.

We understand that a notice for a reconsideration
of the nomination was given at the last meeting
of the Council, and we anticipate, when the
question comes up, a stormy discussion. The
Mayor's nominations were simply carried by his
own casting vote.

Broke out this morning, about 1 o'clock, in
Mr. Stein's soap factory, Bonaventure Street, by
the entire building, together with Mr.
Morin's grocery store, and six or eight adjoining
houses, principally wooden, were consumed.
The greater part of the property destroyed be-
longed to Mr. Charron and Mr. St. -toe, -the
latter was partially covered by insurance.

Parties supplied at their residences by the Car-

riage, at the low rate of 7d. per week, or 5s.

Cash Sallary for the Session.

THE COURIER.

SATURDAY, JUNE 1, 1850.

Contract between Mr. Merritt, Minister,
and Mr. Merritt, Esq.

This Mr. Merritt should have been elected
member for Lincoln without a contest or opposition,
is less strange than that Mr. Merritt should
have the doctrines which he conveys at the
meetings and yet be a member of the Cabinet.
The enigma may be explained, if we recur to the
private life of Mr. Charron in his Journal de
Quebec, that Mr. Lafontaine is the virtually
opposite in that juncture, and that his colleagues are
anxious to resist his dictates, as they seem
to relinquish a connection, the tenure
which is entirely regulated by his caprices. His
political opinions advanced by Mr. Merritt, in his
election speech, were so strongly of liberal bias,
that we read, and now, and can it be pos-
sible that Mr. Merritt, of Lincoln, so saturated with
the Elective principle, is the same Mr. Merritt
who, as a member of the Ministry, has sanctioned
the illegal organization of an armed force in
this city, so objectionable in its character that
their services have been formally repudiated by
our Mayor? Can he be one of that Cabinet who
have created offices for the undesignated purpose of
rewarding political hacks, who has no skill, if
not contempt, when men of reputations are un-
employed, and honor an ignis fatuus? - a man in a
suit, have been insufficiently dismissed from the
Magistracy and Militia, because they advocated
the Elective principle he admires. I. Either the
member for Lincoln is sincere in presence of his
constituents, and repeats, in his colleagues an
uncertain and wavering confidence; or he be-
longs to the "Chabot" school, and repeats a set
of phrases coaxed for outside consumption. We
learn from Mr. Merritt that our system is "more
democratic than purely Elective Institutions."
Men equally elevated, with larger experience and
better capacity, have pronounced our system "a
trap set by knaves to catch fools," under Mr.
Lafontaine's auspices. It wears the stamp of Liberal-
ism, but the drapery has been so carelessly pro-
trayed, that throughout this portion of the province,
the gird is torn by the priests, and in
their hands is actually vested the source of a
power, which chills the hopes and paralyzes the
arms of the Upper Canada Cleric Corps. The Roman
Catholic Clergy of Lower Canada have descended
from the calm and Christian path—the precipi-
tous limits of their vocation, and plunged into
the vortex of political conflict, animated by in-
stincts unfavorable to liberty. Through the en-
gine of the confessional, and the hereditary rever-
ence of a simple-minded and unlettered peasantry,
they can, and do, decide the issue of all elections
in the French Canadian constituencies, and the re-
presentatives thus chosen represent themselves in-
variably by the side of Mr. Lafontaine—pro-
bably boasting and obnoxious to their independ-
ence—plunder the public purse, whenever an op-
portunity offers, and vote down every measure
in any way tinctured with liberality. Our sys-
tem has all the views of a Democracy, without
one of its redeeming qualities, and it allows just
enough of liberty of action to the citizen to stay
the angry stroke of exasperation.

The Galaxy Steamer.

Our Irish correspondent made mention of the
Ferry, which leaves Galway for Halifax on the
first day of June. She enjoys the reputation of
being a fast boat, and if she succeeds in crossing
as rapidly to the 24th, making deductions for the
distance to be run, the Irish route will be
considerably popular. It is asserted that the
new boats on the Line from "Holyhead" to
"Howth" run eighteen knots an hour. If the
Ferry can beat equal speed, she ought, at this
fine season of the year, to make the fastest run on
record, from land to land.

The City Council.

The proceedings which have taken place in the
City Council at a late meeting, in the changes
which were effected by the Mayor in the various
committees, have not a little astonished us. It
appears that in consequence of the resignation of
the Hon. Mr. Bourret, who had been called to
the Executive Council of the Province, the au-
thority of the Board Committee required to be filled up.
The plain and obvious course to have followed,
was to have selected a Chairman from the Com-
mittee, and that gentleman should have been the
oldest member, or at least, the next in seniority.
But no, this unusual method did not hold, to an-
swer His Honour's wish, and he forthwith sets about a
reconstruction of three of the most important
Committees—Finance, Road, and Police. Mr.
Boudry, a young lawyer, was moved from the
Chairmanship of the Finance Committee to that
of the Road; Mr. Macfarlane, from that of the
Police to the Finance; and Mr. McGrath ap-
pointed Chairman of the Police and Roads Com-
mittee. We consider the first and third of these
changes as peculiarly arbitrary and injuri-
ous. While Mr. Boudry, a young lawyer, can
know of road-making, or Mr. McGrath of police
affairs, we are utterly at a loss to conceive
how this reconstruction is a peculiarly judicious
one. In fact, Mr. Hall, having been on
the Committee, and moreover, Mr. McGrath's
nomination should have remained the nomination
a more recognition of his position in this City,
and which would have added weight and import-
ance to the interests of the City, and indeed
health, especially his previous, as a profes-
sional practitioner, in this City. We are at a loss to conceive
why Mr. Boudry, his (Mr. P. C.) son
should not be appointed to the Police Com-
mittee, which he has attended with much improve-
ment, and, perhaps, also a little talk
about the project of a Federal Union of all three Colonies.

Mr. Parsons, of Norfolk, has introduced a Bill
on the subject of federal government, which, if it

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COMMERCIAL.

post, will be the meeting with the lawyers. It
provides for the collection of debts in certain
cases, without the intervention of a lawyer at all,
and settling the disputes in the simplest
possible. This measure (it becomes law) would
take all the long and half time of legal
bureaucracy, and be a great relief to debtors and credit-
tors.

Mr. Cameron's Bill to amend the Law of Libel
and Slander, proposed improvements on the
present system, and on the whole, a pretty good
proposal. He proposes to allow the truth to be
disseminated in mitigation of damages, apologizing suffi-
cient to make it libelous, and compensation offered.

The last two days have been about the only
warm days this season.

NEW BRUNSWICK AFFAIRS.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

St. John, N. B., May 31, 1850.

The Legislative Session, which recently closed in
this city, was that of 1850—the longest of the
session having rendered ground-rent untenable,
until very lately. It is to be regretted that farmers
do not turn their attention more to the culture
of root crops. One acre of Swedish Turnip or
Mangel Wurtzel would yield as many roots as
five acres of rye. In a country like ours, where
climate renders it necessary to feed cattle
at the stall for six months in the year, every at-
tention ought to be paid to the production of winter
feed; and this can now be achieved at a very
moderate cost, as seeds are at the present time
very low-priced. See advertisement in this day's
Courier of B. Workman & Co.

SPED OF THE STEAMSHIP "ASIA."—The re-
cent passage of the Asia to Boston, is the quickest
on record. It was made from port to port in nine
days, eighteen hours, and thirty minutes. The
Asia once performed the passage in ten days
and six hours. The Ferry will next week at-
tempt to make the run to Halifax in six days.

CANADIAN AFFAIRS.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

TORONTO, May 22, 1850.

The House was engaged last night till twelve
o'clock in discussing Mr. Christie's motion
on the subjects of Revenue and Government.

The Resolutions proposed general reduction in

the value of all fees—the withdrawal of

the Governor-General's salary, and the outlay of

the Imperial Treasury, and a Select Legislative
Council, and the substitution of the principle of
Elections for the present mode of Appointing
Officers under the Government. Mr. Christie
had contrasted our enormous public expenditure
with a population about double that of the permanent
prosperity, which would draw a model's vehicle, con-
trasted into a perfect whirling of cataracts!

The Antislavery never failed to protest again,

against the tendency to be felt by all classes, and

especially there, to greater freedom of speech, than has ever been

exercised by any. Some correspondence has

been already taken place between the
Provinces, and it is now safe to assume that
the French Government has taken similar steps to that of the
Prussian Government, which has been formed

in a similar direction, which is likely to be

followed by all the other Provinces.

The Colonial Association of this City has recently
met, and may be said to be quite dead. At pre-
sent, the leading object of discussion among the latter is
a Federal Union of the Colonies, which, however,
will be the result of a long series of events, and
cannot be fixed upon. The withdrawal of all the
Colonial Association, and the formation of a
Select Legislative Council, and the substitution of
Elections for Appointments, will be the result of
a long series of events, and the former will be
the result of the latter.

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EASTERN HOTEL
NO. 19, ST. PAUL STREET, MONTREAL.
The Subscriber, in return, thanks to his Friends and the Public, for the patronage bestowed upon him during the past season, long leave to inform them, that he has FITTED UP his Establishment ENTIRELY NEW this Spring, and will henceforth, from strict attention, combine the name.

Montreal, 20th April, 1850.

NOTICE.

The Proprietor of the EAGLE HOTEL takes this opportunity of returning his sincere thanks to his Friends and the Public for the general, for the very liberal support heretofore extended to him, and truly to thank the proprietors and agents of all those who have given him their patronage.

Carriages in readiness to convey Passengers and Baggage to and from the Hotel, and seats of all those who may favor him with their patronage.

Carriages in readiness to convey Passengers and Baggage to and from the Hotel, five or charge.

Montreal, 17th April, 1850.

DONEGANE'S HOTEL
NO. 19, NOTRE DAME STREET,
MONTREAL.

The above House, being situated near THE PARADE GROUND, DALHOUSIE SQUARE, THEATRE ROYAL, and with a few doors of the FORMER HOTEL, as favorite watering place of the day, will be ready for Vacant entry by May, under the Management of the Subscriber, who assures them that, in point of comfort, it shall be second to none on this Continent.

GEORGE F. POPE.

Montreal, April 17, 1850.

FRENCH'S HOTEL,
CORNER FRANKFORT STREET & CITY
HALL SQUARE,
Opposite the City Hall and Park Fountain.
NEW YORK.

This was built and opened by the Subscriber, MAY 1, 1842, who trusts that, for convenience, elegance, comfort, and economy, it cannot be surpassed in the world. It contains 100 rooms, all fitted up in every way, and is the most complete hotel ever erected on this Continent. They are all fitted up, all of which are warmed gratis. They are all fitted up with Marble Top Washstands, which are supplied with Croton Water, through pipes cocks. There is but one Bed in a Room : the Beds and Water-Closets are every way equal to the best in Europe. This Hotel is in the IMMEDIATE VICINITY of MERCANTILE BUSINESS and the principal places of Amusement. There is a Barber's Shop, and an extensive range of Bath Rooms connected therewith. The Hotel will be open to all classes of society, and will be a Repository and Meal for the stranger, ordered in the spacious and elegant Refectories. Porters will be up during the Night, to admit Lodgers, and also to call them at any time they may desire : and in one case will servants be permitted to enter or receive parades.

R. FRENCH.
April, 1850.

UNITED STATES HOTEL,
BY L. H. BARNES,
MAIN STREET, ST. ALBANS, VERMONT.
March 8, 1850.

CENTRAL HOUSE,
GENERAL HOTEL, PROPRIETORS,
(Between Boston and New Haven.)
BOSTON.

A. W. WRIGHT, Proprietor.
Feb. 13.

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No. 121 Nassau Street, Clinton Hall, NEW YORK. Practical Works on Phrenology, Physiology, Pathology and Magnetism. Verbal Written Descriptions of Character, furnished when desired.

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January, 1850.

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THOMAS E. LOVETT & CO.,

GENERAL COMMISSION MERCHANTS,

48 WATER STREET, NEW YORK.

T. LOVETT, J. K. BEUFORD,
J. DEWAL.

January, 1850.

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D. R. WOOD,
ADVOCATE,

No. 23, Little St. James Street.

March 18.

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M. ABRAHAM,
ADVOCAATE,

Place du Marché.

(Above Mme. Drummond and Lorrain.)

February 15, 1850.

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C. DURWIN,
EXCHANGE AND MONEY BROKER.

OFFICE, No. 24, St. Francois Xavier Street,
MONTREAL.

COLLECTIONS MADE, AND CASH AD-

TACHES, AMERICAN AND UPPER CANADA BILLA, DRAFTS ON NEW YORK BOUGHT

AND SOLD ON THE MOST REASONABLE TERMS.

April 15.

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MONTRAL MANUFACTORY IN MARBLE,

St. McGill Street.

(Opposite "Levins' Hotel.")

15

J. NELVIN, BUTTER & CREAMERY purchased

the Stock of Sherman & Rice, have on hand

and will sell for Sale, the various MANUFACTURES

OF MARBLE, consisting principally of MON-

UMENTS, TOMBS, HEADSTONES, TABLETS,

TABLE TOPS, HEARTH STONES, &c., &c.

and all other articles, and promptly ex-

ecuted.

Montreal, May 10.

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CARTER & CARTER,

ADVOCATES,

OFFICE, No. 191, Saint-Lambert Street,

NEAR THE ENGLISH CHURCH,

MONTREAL.

Oct. 26, 1849.

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THOMAS H. BROWN, ENGRAYER, reti-

ning to the past, and making a conser-

vation of the Great St. James' Street, set-

ting aside the Bank of British North America.

Visiting Professions and Invitation Cards, Bill

Heads, Drafts, Notes, &c., engraved on Plates, Steel,

Brass, and Copper, White, w/ Brass Door

Knobs, and Engraved at the shortest notice. Office up State.

Montreal, May 7, 1850.

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NOTICE.

CORK, CORK SOLES, AND CORKWOOD,

of all descriptions, commonly on hand, and

for Sale, Wholesale and Retail, by

GEO. B. PEARSON,

3, St. Joseph Street, near St. James' Street.

Orders accepted on the shortest notice.

Montreal, May 4, 1850.

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TO FARMERS IN CANADA.

The Subscriber calls the attention of the

Professionals, Visiting and Invita-

tion Cards, BILL-HEADS, DRAFTS,

PROSPECTIVE NOTES, ARMS, CRESTS,

SEALS, RINGS, SILVER PLATES, &c., &c.,

and generally everything wanted.

SCOTCH PLUGGERS

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The above are made to order, AGRICU-

LICAL IMPLEMENTS OF every description.

The above are made to order, if they do not give satisfaction, may be returned.

AL. XANDER FLECK.

Montreal, April 5, 1850.

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SCHEME FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PROTESTANT ORPHAN ASYLUM, GRIFFINTOWN PROPERTY.

Montreal, April 10, 1850.

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CHOICE HAVANA AND PRINCIPAL CAVENDISH & HONEY-DRY TOBACCO, FANCY PIPES, &c.

Montreal, April 10, 1850.

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BRITANNIA LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY, NO. 1, PRINCE STREET, BANK, LONDON.

Established in 1820, and empowered by Act of Parliament.

FOR THE INSURANCE OF LIVES, ENDOWMENT OF CHILDREN, &c.

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REDUCED RATES OF PREMIUM—HALF CREDIT RATES OF PREMIUM.

Montreal, April 10, 1850.

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NATIONAL LOAN LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY OF LONDON.

Capital—£500,000 Sterling.

4 SAVINGS' BANK FOR THE WIDOWS OF THE ORPHAN.

Montreal, April 10, 1850.

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