

might be disagreeable to be thus dragged before the public, and that without any great necessity, since your principles are sufficiently incontestable to have no need of being sustained by the examples which you cite. I will do, however, as you please in this respect.—I will publish the whole if you do not authorize me to leave out the part in question.

I am very sincerely,

Your's,

E. CARON.

(From the Hon. L. H. Lafontaine to the Hon. R. E. Caron.)

TRANSLATION.

MONTREAL, 6th April, 1846.

MY DEAR SIR,—Your letter of this day's date relieves me from a great embarrassment. Although the correspondence in question appears to me more than ever of a parliamentary public nature, I saw with much regret that you had latterly looked at it in another point of view. If I have differed from your view, notwithstanding all that has taken place in Parliament and out of Parliament, among the friends of the party to which I belong, * * * * * You admit, now, the principle on which I had proposed to myself to act; you even claim a right to do it independently yourself—a right which I do not deny you. I think, then, that it is not fitting to multiply details as to the way in which you may give effect to your way of thinking, and leaving you entirely free, I note the fact that by your own admission I become equally so on my part, even if I was not so before.

I am, very sincerely,

Your devoted Servant,

L. H. LAFONTAINE.

(From the Hon. R. E. Caron to the Hon. W. H. Draper.)

MONTREAL, April, 6, 1846.

DEAR SIR,—The correspondence which passed between us, and, as a necessary consequence, between me and some of my friends to whom I was obliged to communicate it, has lately given rise to some debates in your House; the newspapers have taken up the subject, and it has become the theme of public discussions in which it is represented as altogether different from what it really is.

I have always thought that the publication of this correspondence, would be of no advantage, and have done all I could to prevent it;—but from the turn the business has taken and the state in which things now are, it seems to me preferable that the matter should appear in its true light, and should be judged of and appreciated according to its true merits and at what

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