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

TRANSLATION.

MONDAY MORNING, 23d March, 1846.

MY DEAR FRIEND,—Your abstract of my two first letters does not please me at all; the form which you give to these communications is too solemn—too little in accordance with the tone of mind in which they were written.

I repeat it, I shall regret the necessity which will have forced you to put before the public a correspondence conducted, on my part, without the least thought of its being destined for publication; but if, in the judicious discretion that you have to exercise on the subject, you think proper to make my letters public, I prefer that they should be shown such as I wrote them, although in point of style they may not be what I would wish, and although they contain things which they would not have contained if they had not been addressed to an intimate friend, out of whose hands I did not expect they would pass.

These things, which you will easily distinguish, you will perhaps do me the justice to omit, not because I think I have written what is not true, but because all truths are not to be spoken at all times.

I am, dear Sir, your's,

(Signed,) R. E. CARON.

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

TRANSLATION.

MONDAY, 6th April, 1846.

MY DEAR SIR,—In returning you the papers which you had the kindness to lend me yesterday, I must inform you of the determination to which I have come of publishing myself and in my name the correspondence in question.

What has passed within these few days causes me to look upon this step as indispensable, both as regards myself and in the interest of those who have taken part in it.

I would not have adopted this determination without consulting you and obtaining, before putting it into execution, your consent and that of Morin, if the opinions of both of you on this subject were not perfectly well known to me.

In making this publication I shall confine myself, of course, to the serious and important part of our correspondence, leaving out the private and familiar notes exchanged between us; unless indeed there should be some that you would like to make known, and which in that case I beg you to point out to me.

I would submit to you also the propriety of leaving out of your first letter the part in which you cite, in support of the principles you put forth, the example of several individuals occupying elevated stations in society and for whom it