

you as soon as possible after I am apprized of the position in which you are placed with your own friends in regard to it.

Believe me, &c.

W. H. DRAPER.

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

TETU'S HOTEL, 19th March, 1846.

DEAR SIR,—The object I had in view in the communications which have passed between us, was,—as I have frequently told you in writing and personally,—to make you acquainted with the views and opinions of my political friends, in order to see whether it might not be possible to come to an arrangement with them—in order to fulfil the mission I had undertaken, it was absolutely necessary to consult the leaders of the party with whom I had to negotiate. As many of them lived at a distance, I adopted, as the easiest and most open mode of communication, the plan of sending to them both your letters and my own, as they were exchanged between us. It thus happens that the important part of our correspondence is now in the possession of the friends to whom I sent it. I am not aware what use they intend to make or can make of these documents, but anticipating the possibility of their using them and making them public, I think it my duty to mention the fact to you, in order that if our correspondence should become public you may know under what circumstances the thing took place, and how and why the papers that compose it passed out of my hands.

I am, as ever,

Dear Sir, your's,

E. CARON.

[Hon. L. H. Lafontaine to the Hon. R. E. Caron.]

SUNDAY, 22d March, 8 P. M.

MY DEAR FRIEND,

I called at your hotel—you were not in—I leave with you a *summary* which I have just drawn. I have not read it a second time, expecting to read it with you. Do me the favor to return it to-morrow morning early, and to state whether his mode suits you—I believe it is the best.

Your's truly,

L. H. LAFONTAINE.

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