

all speed, and in all sincerity. If, as implied in the last letter of your correspondent, you are to be the principal in this affair, we shall rejoice at it.

Believe me, very sincerely, your friend,

(Signed)

A. N. MORIN.

[NOT BEFORE PUBLISHED.]

(From the Hon. A. N. Morin to the Hon. R. E. Caron.)

MONTREAL, 24th November, 1845.

DEAR SIR & FRIEND,—Since the enclosed has been written and sealed, some one has conveyed to Mr. Lafontaine the following lines :

“ Mr. ———’s compliments to Mr. Lafontaine, and begs to inform him that His Excellency the Governor General has received dispatches last evening ordering him home—he leaves on Wednesday.”

Thus, it is, perhaps, prudent on your part to temporize, by restoring your man to the position in which you placed him. Perhaps, also, on his side, he will think proper to postpone the subject. In any case, we persist in thinking that your presence at Montreal is very much to be desired. I forgot to inform you that the rumor of the departure of the Governor was known from another source at the office of the *Pilot* this morning. Is it the War, or a conviction that affairs cannot go on any longer, even in ordinary times ?

Your Friend,

(Signed)

A. N. MORIN.

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

MONDAY, 24th November, 1845.

PRIVATE.

MY DEAR SIR,—I have just returned from Monklands.—Her Majesty has been pleased to give Lord Metcalfe authority to give up the administration of the affairs of the Province into the hands of Earl Cathcart, temporarily until a successor can be appointed.—His Excellency means to avail himself of the permission, and to leave for England on Wednesday.—This may affect your view of my note to you, and I think it right to give you prompt intimation.

Your’s faithfully and sincerely,

W. H. DRAPER.

The last mail brings news of several thousand pounds for the Quebec sufferers.