

and in all sincerity that I tell you that the thing can only go on well if conducted by you and Lafontaine, and that it is this conviction which has brought me to the determination not to meddle with it in any way, unless it be to assist you if it is in my power.

I am, &c., your's,

(Signed,)

ED. CARON.

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

CONFIDENTIAL.

MONTREAL, 26th Nov. 1845.

MY DEAR SIR,—The departure of Lord Metcalfe took place this morning. Although this change in no respect alters the opinion I entertain on the necessity of strengthening the local Administration, it materially alters the position in which I am and may be placed, and still more the powers I may have to effect anything beneficial and satisfactory.

I felt it my duty on Monday—the day on which I had the first official communication of His Lordship's intention—to apprise you of it, and in the same spirit I mention to you how I feel my position affected, as you have a right to expect from me the earliest intimation of every thing which may influence your own opinions and actions in this matter.

Believe me, &c.

W. H. DRAPER.

[From the Hon. R. E. Caron to the Hon. W. H. Draper.]

TRANSLATION.

QUEBEC, 26th November, 1845.

DEAR SIR,—I have received your note of the 24th. At the same time that you inform me of His Excellency's departure, you say, that you hasten to give me the information, because the news may perhaps change my views as to the nature of the last letter you wrote me. The opinion you have formed is perfectly correct, and the departure of His Excellency must indeed change my position.

You know that in the communications which have passed between us, I have not acted as the leader of a party; I have only lent myself, and that most willingly, as an intermediary between those whom our party regards as its *leaders*, and yourself, in order to forward to them the communications you made to me, and also to transmit to you their views and their ideas upon the subject on which we were engaged. In per