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Jean-Pierre Dion

Lors de la rédaction de notre ouvrage sur Philip Pointon (1831-1881), maître potier à Cap-Rouge, Saint-Jean et ailleurs, Jacqueline Beaudry Dion et moi avions reçu de Mme Alonna Pointon une découpure de presse d'un journal non identifié, annonçant le décès de ce dernier à Saint-Jean, le 25 mai 1881. Nous avons depuis retracé l'original de ce texte et d'un autre qui y faisait suite dans le même journal : The Swanton Courier (Swanton, VT) du 28 mai 1881. Ces deux textes sont reproduits ici-bas.

Le premier texte, intitulé Sudden death of Philip Pointon cite la nouvelle du St.Johns News à ce sujet. On y lit notamment l'affirmation louangeuse suivante : "...une grande partie de la prospérité de la St. Johns Stone Chinaware Company, pendant qu'il y travaillait, est attribuable à ses connaissances et au zèle infatiguable dont il a toujours fait preuve dans l'accomplissement de ses tâches".

Le second texte, que nous avions d'abord présumé être d'un journal de St. Albans, a paru en p. 3 du même journal The Swanton Courier, ce 28 mai 1881. Ainsi son parent A. A. Brooks, mentionné dans ce texte comme conseiller municipal de la ville, était de Swanton, non de St. Albans Bay. C'est ici que l'on trouve la mention que de ce côté de l'océan Atlantique, il n'y avait probablement personne de plus qualifié que lui dans la fabrication de cette faïence blanche.

Préservons pour la postérité ces documents d'archives touchant un potier qui a oeuvré au Québec et joué un rôle si important à Cap-Rouge et à Saint-Jean.

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Sudden death of Philip Pointon,

It becomes our painful duty to announce this week the somewhat sudden demise of Mr. Philip Pointon, the late manager of the St. Johns Stone Chinaware Company, which sad event took place at an early hour on Wednesday morning last. Though comparatively, not long a resident of St, Johns, Mr. Pointon had made many and warm friends, and his genial face will be long remembered and sadly missed by those with whom he come in contact, either socially or in his way of business. Much of the prosperity that has attended the manufactory with which he was connected is due to his ability and the untiring zeal which he has constantly displayed in the discharge of his duties. Mr. P. was born in England though he has resided the greater part of his life in the United States. He was 50 years old at his death. The funeral will take place this (Friday) morning from his late residence No 27, Longueuil street, at a quarter to eight, and from thence to the depot. The remains are to be taken to St. Albans for interment.—*St. Johns News.*

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—Many of our readers will be pained to learn of the sudden death of Philip Pointon of St Johns, a notice of whose death is published in another column. The deceased was a nephew of our townsman A. A. Brooks having married Alzina Brooks daughter of the late Levi Brooks of St. Albans Bay. The death of Philip Pointon is a great loss not only to his family and a wide circle of friends, but to the manufacturing world. In the manufacture of stone china ware a branch of industry in its infacy in this country, he probably had no superior this side of the water. He was a person of wide general knowledge, with scientific and literary tastes and an excellent mechanic. At St. Johns he was doing much for the advancement of the art of pottery making in this country and already the institution of which he was in charge has become one of the most important and promising industries in Canada. He was manly, kind and generous and being an excellent conversationalist was a man to make friends of all with whom he came in contact.