



Sir George Etienne Cartier and his two daughters  
From a photograph taken when hoop skirts were in fashion

1872 a general Parliamentary election was held; certain provincial proceedings of a political character had caused *Le Parti National* to be brought into existence. An unusual bitterness was fanned into flame and, to the astonishment and shame of a great number, Sir George Cartier met a crushing defeat in East Montreal, a comparatively unknown candidate,

—now well known as Sir Louis Jette, —winning the day. It was not the mere loss of a seat which constituted the force of the blow. The defeated candidate was elected within a few days elsewhere and offers of seats were numerous. But after the great services he had rendered his countrymen the sting of ingratitude added force to the blow, which was doubtless felt