

on the contrary, it is known to all here that the unionists are, as it were, a mere handful of men, that there are not any, or scarcely any, Canadians amongst them, and that all the papers of Lower Canada that are published in the French language, are, and ought to be, upon pain of having neither subscribers nor readers, opposed to the union. The *Canadien* of Quebec, and the *Constitutionnel* of the Three Rivers, will be no less surprised than we are at this mistake of the *Free Press*, and will equally hasten to expose it. Instead of there being only two constitutional and anti-unionist papers in Lower Canada, we reckon up six, and even seven, if we include the *Mercury*, which has always appeared to us to be more opposed to, than in favour of, the union: these six are, the four French papers, the *Spectator*, and the *Free Press*, the editor of which forgets his own, which must, however, be also reckoned amongst the others."

"As to Charrivarri, we did not inveigh against that custom as an original French or Canadian one; we have not approved of the violent mode in which it has been resisted and opposed; we only reprehended the custom on account of its having been the occasional cause of the acts of violence that have been committed on either side. But if even the *Gazette Canadienne* had inveighed more forcibly than it has done against the charrivarri, which we know is condemned by a great majority of the Canadians, as a custom abounding in folly indecency, and immorality, it would be as unreasonable thence to form the conclusion that the *Gazette* is not a constitutional and anti-unionist paper, as it would be to argue that a Spanish newspaper that might find fault with the fandango, or with bull-fights, was therefore neither constitutional nor patriotic."

I am ready to acknowledge that my assertion was too sweeping, and that the *Gazette Canadienne* is entitled to rank amongst those papers whose politics lean towards the popular, constitutional, and anti-unionist side. There is, however, in that paper, even upon the editor's own shewing, a lukewarmness and forbearance, that I can not approve of. In grand political questions, whoever is not decidedly with us, is against us; and I would recommend, in future, to that paper, if it be wished to retain or augment its present list of subscribers, to be a little warmer in the cause. As to the *Canadien* of Quebec, and the *Constitutionnel* of the Three Rivers, though both by their titles and public report, I have reason to conclude they are of the right kidney, I am not enabled to speak from personal knowledge, as, although I always send the *Free Press* in order to exchange with them, I have not for six months had a *Canadien*, and never received a single *Constitutionnel*.

With respect to the charrivarri; we are at issue both as to the merits of the custom itself, and as to the light in which the ma-