

were hailed throughout the country with a cry of execration. Mr. Angers had introduced them with the admission that they would be a stain upon the Statute book; but at the same time declared his intention, since it had become necessary to do so, of taking the cities of Montreal and Quebec "by the throat." More unbecoming language never before fell from the lips of a man placed in so high an office; it at once stamped him as unfit to hold the position he occupied, and at the same time showed the natural malice and arbitrary and tyrannical temper of the manikin. From the first, the Liberal press expressed the opinion that the Lieutenant-Governor would withhold his sanction from the Railway Bill on the ground that it was unconstitutional. Meetings were held throughout the country censuring the Government policy, and calling upon the representative of the Crown to exercise his authority and prevent the Act from becoming law; among others, petitions to that effect from the city councils both of Quebec and Montreal were forwarded to the Hon. Mr. Letellier de St. Just. To these remonstrances, the Government turned a deaf ear. The popular excitement, especially in Quebec, in consequence of the sullenly defiant attitude of the Ministry, began to assume more formidable proportions, and during the sitting of the Assembly, Mr. Angers, after having been paraded through the streets, was burnt in effigy before the main entrance of the parliament buildings by an immense concourse of people. The executive answered by calling out the military—an act of doubtful propriety, as there was no riot—and mustering the *gendarmérie*. An immense meeting of property holders in Quebec was called immediately after, and a deputation sent to Mr. De Boucherville, composed of sixty of the most influential and wealthy citizens of the town, chosen from both parties alike and all nationalities, to represent to him the wishes of the people, and remonstrate with him on the unfair course determined upon by the Government. The deputation was introduced by the mayor, who formed part of it, grossly insulted by Mr. De Boucherville, and turned out of doors.

The railway resolutions had no sooner been passed than Mr. Treasurer Church brought down his budget. Even in this, the duplicity and want of faith of the Ministry was forcibly illustrated. Some days before, in answer to enquiries from the Opposition benches, the Treasurer, had declared that his financial statement was quite ready, but that the first of February was the day fixed for the opening of the tenders for