

says I, "no man will rob me," and then he writes down something and points to a man with him and says, "He gardeen," who grabs Bill's halter and begins to lead him away. I was going to knock them all down, when my wife interferes, crying out to have no trouble with officers of the law, and they cleared out, and Bill with 'em. I hitches another horse and goes to the village, where I had the docyments read and learns as how I had been sued for a debt I had paid two years ago, judgment given by default, and a seizure issued to satisfy it. A friend advised me to get a good lawyer at once, but I thinks, right being on my side and having a receipt, there is no hurry, and I'll make 'em sweat the harder for it when I goes for 'em in court, and I finishes my threshing and comes on today to see Mr Equity and hears on the road that Bill was to be sold this forenoon. What I wants to know is, if this here Canada is a British country and if it be, can papers be served upon me, John Bull, in the name of the Queen in a language I don't know a word of?

The Judge, who had at first repeatedly tried to stop the torrent of Mr Bull's talk, and latterly resigned himself to endure it, addressing Mr Equity, said his client, by his own testimony, had shown no injustice had been done; that the procedure in his case had been strictly according to law.

Mr Equity: I admit that, your honor, but in a case where the procedure is made a cover for robbing a man of his property an exception should be made.

Judge: The code declares French and English to be the official languages of the province and suitors have their option to use either. You have your recourse by an action against plaintiff.

Mr Equity: It would be in vain: he is an undischarged insolvent and

we can neither recover off him the price of the horse or the costs.

John Bull: Is this here province a forrin land? If my Queen calls me to appear in her courts, have I not a right to be summoned in the Queen's English? Can I be persecuted in a British court in a lingo I don't understand?

Judge: Prosecuted you mean, sir. Certainly; the law assumes that you know French.

John Bull: If that be the law, then I'm blessed if I don't leave that Conservative party I have always voted with and go in with my neighbor in the dock there for Equal Rights.

Judge: I caution you, that if you speak again you will be committed for contempt of court.

Mr LeGall: And I will indict you for conspiracy and treason.

The Judge ordered the sheriff to see if the jury were ready to render their verdict. In a short time he returned with the jury, who, in answer to the clerk, intimated that Julien Lebœuf was foreman. Asked their verdict, the foreman rose and said,

GUILTY AGAINST MERCIER.

Judge: The court cannot accept that verdict. You must say "guilty" or else "not guilty."

Foreman: We discuss the matter, and one jurymansay prisoner guilty against Laurier. Three or four say No, no; guilty against Chapleau, and then fight goon between rouges and bleus. I cries Silence, mes-sieurs; I have one plan to settle this. We all say prisoner guilty, but not agree who guilty against. Now I tell you, Mercier, he both rouge and bleu at same time and one grand Nationalist besides. Then all say yes, yes, and we return verdict Guilty against Mercier, and will give no other.

Judge: If prisoner is guilty it is not against any individual but