



THE CELEBRATED TUPPER QUARTETTE.

THE EMIGRATION QUESTION.



MAKING alarm at the great mass meeting of the labor organizations held at Shaftesbury hall on May 23rd, to protest against the Government system of pauper emigration, a counter meeting of the friends and supporters of that system was convened, the Rt. Hon. Sir John A. Macdonald, K.C.B., presiding.

The CHAIRMAN, in opening the meeting, briefly explained the object in view—viz.: to vindicate the course of the Government in appropriating public money to assist pauper emigration, and to reply to the attacks made at the workingmen's meeting upon the Government's emigration agents. The speakers at that meeting complained that the bringing in of emigrants at the public expense was unfair to the toilers of Canada, as it glutted the labor market and tended to depress wages. He would simply reply to this, that the workingmen of Canada had the N.P. to protect them (cheers) and that so long as he was at the head of the Government he would nail the old flag (tremendous cheers) to the mast, and stand by the policy of Canada for the Canadians, (renewed cheers). He was and always had been the friend of the workingman. (A voice—Yes, the foreign workingman! Groans, hisses, cries of 'put him out' and interruption.) But the

workingmen seemed to forget that a Government had something else to do besides look after the public business. (Hear, hear!) It has to look after its friends. (Cheers). It has to find fat places for party hacks. (Laughter and renewed cheers), and it has to pay those hacks out of the public money. (Hear, hear!) Hence the emigration system at present in vogue. He was prepared to defend that policy on its merits, for while on the one hand the bringing in of emigrants keeps the Canadian laborer from feeling lonesome, on the other hand it enables the Government to feed its party friends, the agents, (loud cheers) with pap, and at the same time to supply its equally well-beloved friends the manufacturers (applause) with cheap labor. He would not further occupy the time at that stage, but might have something to say later on.

Mr. OILY CUSS, Government agent for Yorkshire, said the workingmen of Canada were a parcel of numbskulls. (Cheers). It was not true that the Government agents in England and elsewhere actively endeavored to send out emigrants. That was in reality only a secondary matter with them. The main consideration was to get the stipend, which came with admirable regularity. (Cheers and applause.)

Mr. MUNCHAUSEN WILES, agent at Shoeburyness, said he observed that the agents were charged with systematic lying to induce emigrants to go to Canada. He would not say there was much real truth in what they told the people about the chances Canada offered, but he would