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These Indian Councils, with their wampum belts, fantastic, airy and grotesque costumes of the chiefs, &c., have more than once been trying to the gravity of Europeans—whether French or English. Professor Dussieux, probably on the authority of Charlevoix, gives some humorous incidents which happened at the grand Indian Councils held in 1700 and 1701, at Montreal.

"The Algonquin chief, says he, a winsome and brave young warrior proud of his victories on the Iroquois, had done his hair in a ridge like the comb of a cock, with a scarlet plume, erect on the crest and hanging over behind.
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Another chief of note and wit, wore on his pate the skin of the head of a young bullock, with the horns falling over his ears.....

An Otagami chief had smeared his face with red paint, and had on his head an old *poutrée* and disordered *perruque*, which gave him a hideous, but mirth-provoking appearance. Wishing to honor the French Governor with a French bow, he removed his wig: this caused an explosion of laughter among the French—without interfering with his own gravity; he then demurely replaced his wig and got through with his harangue." *

One is reminded of the interview of one of our Vice-Roys with the great Chief (Peter Basket possibly?) of the Restigouche Indians in our own day. His Excellency had listen-

* LE CANADA sous la Domination Française. L. Dussieux, p. 95.