

OUR CANADIAN

No. 48.—HENRI GUSTAVE JOLY,  
M.P., M.P.P.

Mr. Joly is the leader, if not the whole body, of the opposition in the local Legislature of Quebec. He is remarkable for his gentle manners, and therefore enjoys the personal esteem of all parties. He represents Lotbinière in both the House of Commons and the Legislative Assembly of Quebec, and in both Houses commands a large share of respect from his fellow-members. Among the public enterprises which he has actively encouraged, the Quebec and Gosford railway deserves prominent mention. In the promotion of this important local enterprise M. Joly has displayed great zeal, and his labours are just now about being crowned with success, as the road is at length completed and to be opened for public travel. The subject of our notice is generally regarded as a mild type of the extreme Lower Canada politician; he has certainly shewn himself, on several occasions, able to rise above the behests of party and to give his vote and influence for what he believed to be the cause of the country at large. One occasion we remember especially, when the late Thomas D'Arcy McGee was the subject of animadversion in the House of Commons, and Mr. Joly took occasion to bear testimony to poor McGee's distinguished, earnest and valuable services in the cause of his adopted country. McGee was not in the House at the time; but those of his friends who heard Mr. Joly in his earnest and impressive tones vindicate his public career from the aspersions that had been cast upon it, will certainly never forget the impartial testimony so generously offered on behalf of their friend. By his devotion to public improvements, and by his manly conduct towards his opponents, Mr. Joly has acquired a reputation that is not circumscribed by party limits. In fact, we believe that he is one of the few members of Parliament who enjoys about



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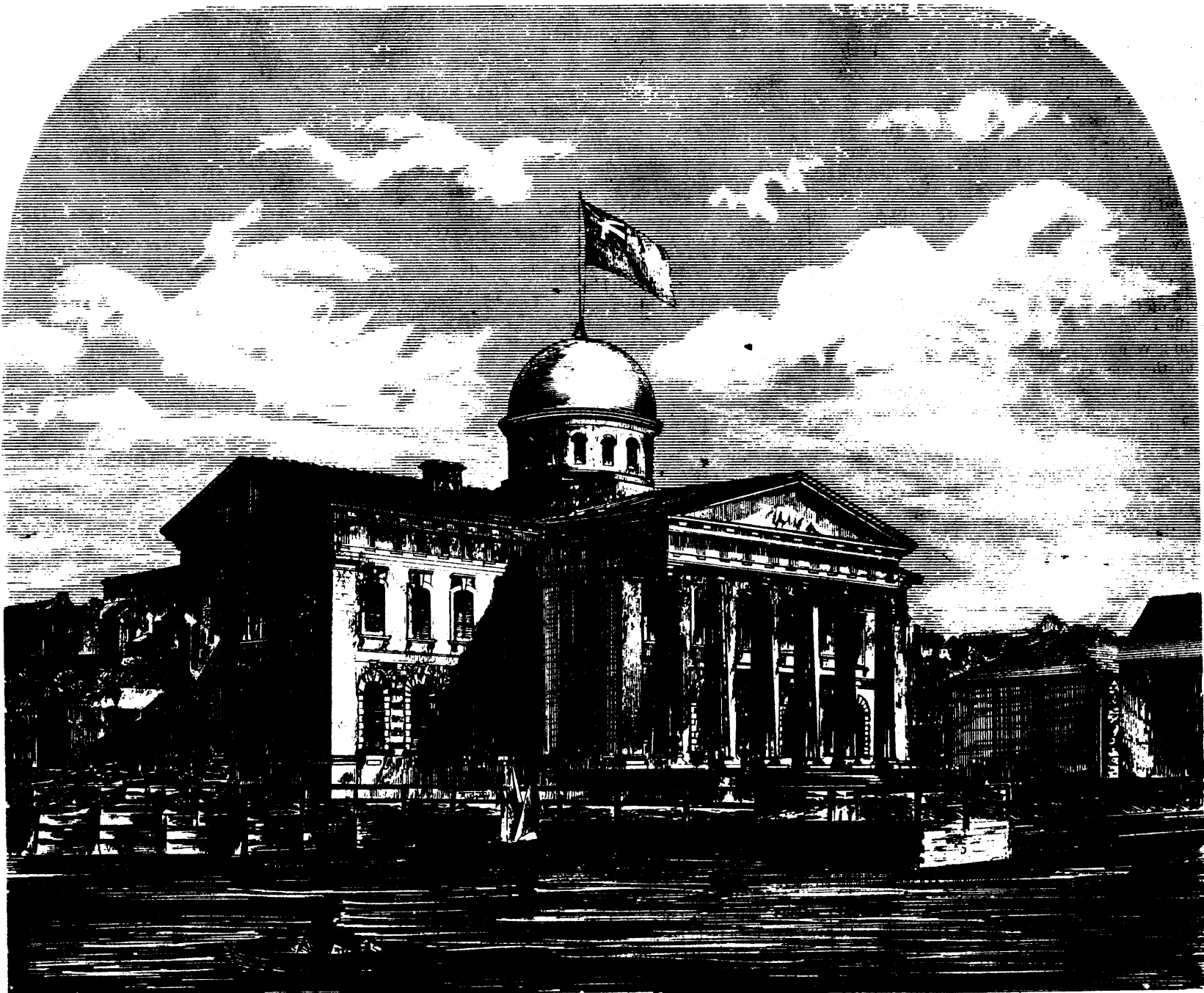
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equal esteem from both sides of the House. We speak especially in reference to the House of Commons, where, in the work of Opposition, he is surrounded by men who, if not remarkable for their numbers, are at least distinguished for their talents; in the Quebec Assembly M. Joly is about the only oppositionist, and his duties are proportionately onerous. He, however, has proved himself a sincere friend of his province, by the zeal with which he has supported the construction of the line of railway already mentioned, and which will, doubtless, prove a great boon to the City of Quebec and the neighbouring county.

Mr. Joly is the son of the late Gaspard Pierre Gustave Joly, *seigneur* of Lotbinière, and a member of the Legislative Council of Lower Canada. He was born in France, Dec. 5, 1829, and educated in Paris. He was called to the Lower Canada Bar in 1855, and returned to Parliament for Lotbinière in 1861, which constituency he has continued to represent, having been returned, after confederation, for both the Commons and the Local House. Mr. Joly is also Vice-President of the Royal Humane Society of B.N.A., and a Lieutenant in the 1st. Battalion Lotbinière Militia. We believe he practises the legal profession in the city of Quebec, where he usually resides.

The *Athenum* hears that there will appear shortly a series of twelve brief poems by Mr. Tennyson, which are connected by a love-story, and will be illustrated by as many designs by Mr. Arthur Hughes. The verses will be accompanied by music, the composition of Mr. Sullivan, and issued in a handsome manner as a table-book of the first class in square octavo.

A new article of diet has appeared in the Paris markets, ass's flesh, which is selling at 80 centimes per kilogramme. Fresh water fish and vegetables are abundant, but prices are rising daily.



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