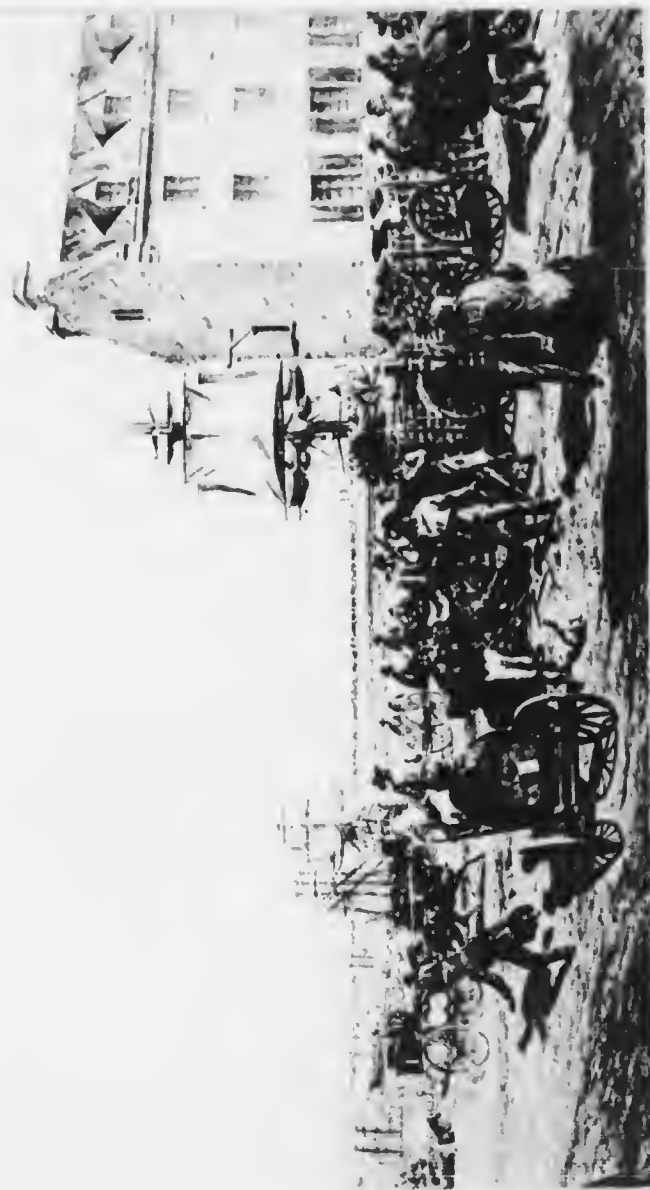




CUSTOM HOUSE SQUARE, 1830

This copy of a painting represents Custom House Square as it was in 1830. The three-story building is the old Point à l'Albert, stores, erected in 1779 by Charles d'Albionville, occupied in 1830 by Andrew Shaw, and the site of the present Custom House. In older times, in the square, part of the square was often used as a wood market. A water cart with its driver is seen in the foreground, being taken to the river to have the barrel filled. Intending passengers by the Quebec steamers, seen to the left in the King's Basin, and the ferry boat from Duke's Island, are shown. The shipping, sailing vessels at that time, are to be seen in the port. The prominent figure in the foreground dressed in a frock coat and stove-pipe hat with broad brim, is said to be that of the well-known William Workman, of the firm of Frothingham & Workman, Mayor of Montreal.