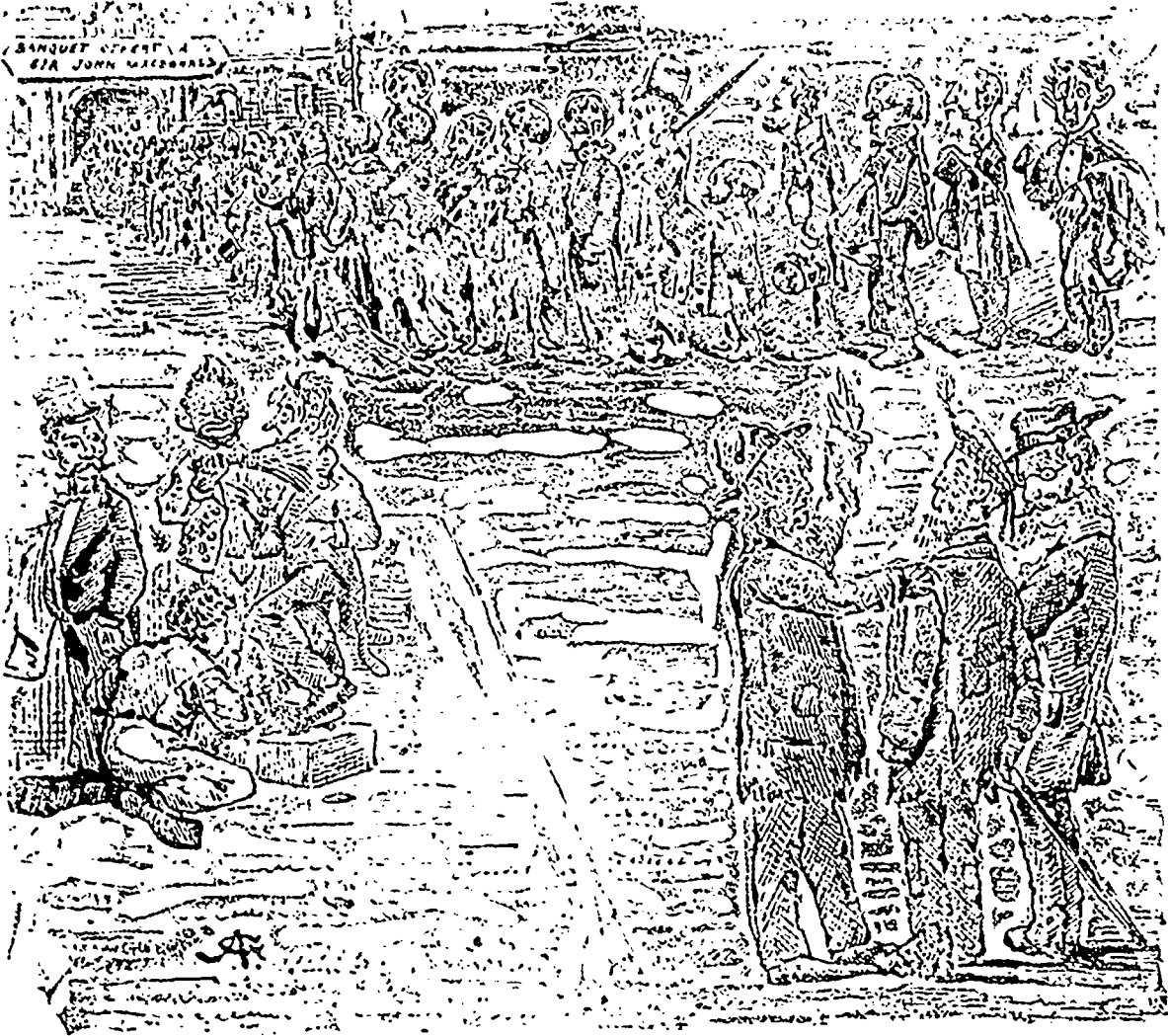




BROWN — Les voyez-vous ces bleus comme ils font honneur à leur Chef! Ah! si vous m'aviez écouté! il n'y aurait pas aujourd'hui de politique nationale, et tous ces bons gueuletons seraient pour nous.

ALEX — C'est pour t'avoir écouté, ainsi que Cartwright que nous avons été flanqués à la porte.

CARTWRIGHT — C'est ça, ne vous gênez pas, dites qu'il est ma faute. Si Brown n'avait pas écrit tant de lettres aux banques et si Alex, n'avait pas acheté tant de lisses d'acier on nous fêterait encore aujourd'hui.

ALEX — Laissez les faire, ce sera bientôt notre tour.

CARTWRIGHT — Oui mais en attendant nous crevons de faim.

FAT COOK, (with unconscious blushes to the lady who wants to engage her): As to there bein' no followers allowed, Mum, you might recollect as you've been single yourself; and a girl as is rather showy in figure can't well help 'em comin' about.

BROWN — Look at the Conservatives; what a great banquet they are giving to their Leader. If you had listened to me we would have no N. P. to-day; and all these good things would be for us.

ALEX. — It is just because I have been listening too much to you and Cartwright that I was kicked out.

CARTWRIGHT — That is all right; you can put everything on my back. But if Brown had not written so many letters to the banks, and you had not bought so many steel rails, we would be there yet.

ALEX. — Never mind, we'll be there again.

CARTWRIGHT — Yes; but in the meantime we are starving.



B —, who not long ago lost his wife, was discovered the other day lounging *tete à tete* with a negress.

Exclamations of astonishment from a friend. "Well, what of it?" asked B —; "You know I'm in mourning now!"

Nouvelle méthode de persuasion employée par les membres du Cabinet de Québec. Hon. Mr. Mercier: Ah, tu n'es pas convaincu, attends un peu tu vas voir!

Revival of an old mode for impressing an argument, by the Hon. Mr. Mercier of the Quebec Government.