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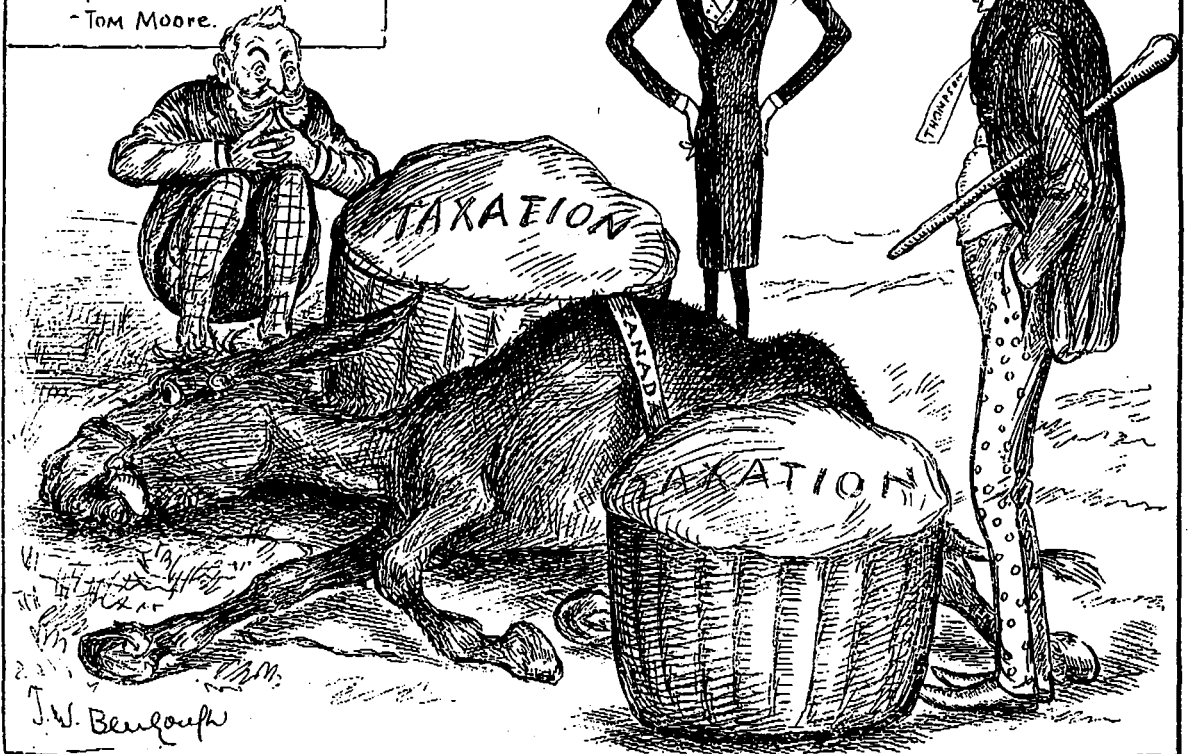
A Donkey, whose talent for burdens was wondrous, so much, that you'd swear he rejoiced in a load. One day had to jog under panniers so ponderous that down the poor Donkey fell, smack on the road.

Meanwhile the poor Neddy, in torture and fear, lay under his panniers, scarce able to groan, and - what was still dolefuller - lending an ear to advisers whose ears were a match for his own!

At length a plain Rustic, whose wit went so far as to see others' folly, roared out as he passed -

"Quick, off with the panniers all, dolts as ye are, or your prosperous Neddy will soon kick his last!"

- Tom Moore.



THE DONKEY AND THE PANNIERS.

(A CANADIAN ILLUSTRATION OF TOM MOORE'S INSTRUCTIVE FABLE.)