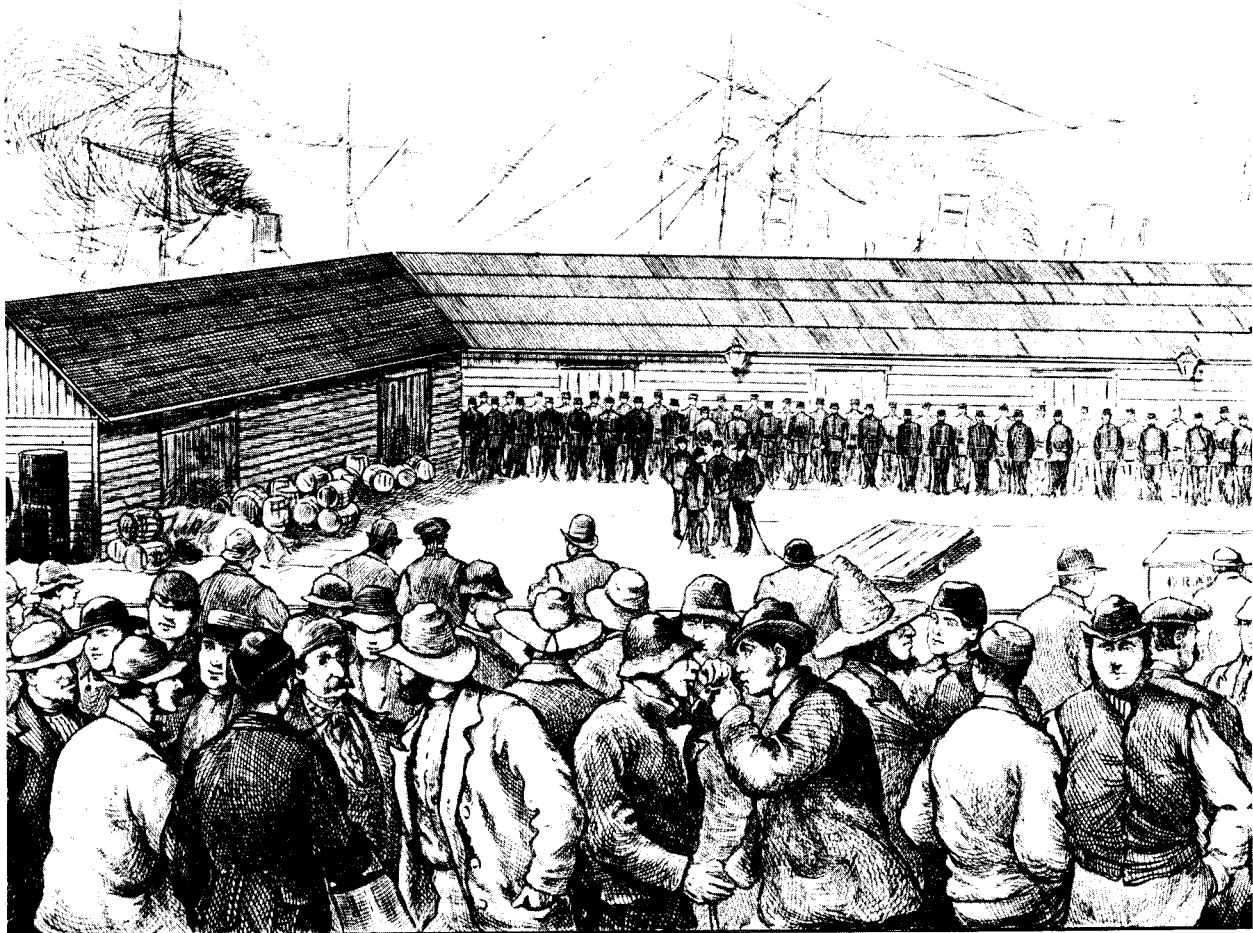
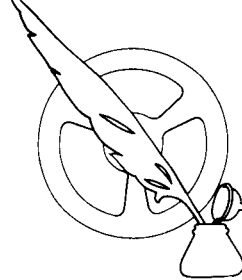


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The Montreal Ship Labourers' Strike, June 1877. Printed in the Canadian Illustrated News 16, no. 1 (7 July 1877): 12, and in L'Opinion Publique 8, no. 28 (12 July 1877): 327. (Public Archives of Canada, C-65929)

Longshoremen employed by the Allan Line in Montreal went on strike on 18 June 1877 to prevent a second wage reduction that season. Their hope that the presence in port of perishable cargo bound for England might precipitate an early victory was dashed as the Company hired strikebreakers and secured police protection. On 20 June, the first of a number of unsuccessful attacks on the police guard by the strikers erupted. The work stoppage spread as men employed by other companies joined the strike in sympathy but the employers continued to operate with the use of strikebreakers. Although the settlement terms of the week-long dispute are unclear, it appears that the Allan Line agreed not to implement the threatened wage cut. (See La Minerve and the Montreal Herald, June 1877, and Jean Hamelin et al., Répertoire des grèves dans la province de Québec au XIXe siècle, Montréal: Presses de l'École des Hautes Études Commerciales, 1970).

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