

STATE OF THE COUNTRY.

The hour of leniency has past. We are assured that the Government are now prepared and determined to put down every show of disorder, with the strong hand at every hazard, and all good citizens must feel that it is the only course left open to them.

The more one reflects on these occurrences the more deeply is the mind impressed with their unexampled atrocity. The mind recoils with horror and indignation from deeds which have but one object—to trample the law under foot and bid defiance to peace and good order.

There is a disposition on the part of a few reckless political office-holders in Upper Canada to sympathize with the lawless rioters, and to extend their hands to the rioters, and to extend them through this end of the Province. The large class of several Tory newspapers is directly inciting to riot and bloodshed.

The continued publication of such language as that used in a placard, shamelessly copied into yesterday's Patriot, and the constant repetition of such incendiary appeals as the editorial which accompanied the introduction of brute force as an element in the government of our country, and the overhauling of our popular government by mob coercion.

It is full time that every man who cares for the country he dwells in, or has a stake in its prosperity, should put the question to himself, Where is all this to end? Canada is a widely extended country, peopled by men of many different origins, and divided by many diversified interests.

This struggle of desperation in which the Tories of Canada are wallowing, is the most senseless proceeding which ever was witnessed. What can they make by it? The people of the country are not to be deceived.

And British Constitutional government, we sincerely believe, is the best protection for the minority of the people that the world has yet discovered. The Reform party for years resisted the payment of any Rebellion Losses; a Conservative Government paid the Upper Canada Losses—a Conservative Government took the first steps to pay the Lower Canada Losses—the present Government but took up this measure, and carried it by an overwhelming majority of the people's Representatives.

The whole proceeding was open, legal, and, as the majority thought, just and proper. The minority thought it was neither just nor proper; but what then? Is there not a constitutional remedy open to them—can they not appeal to the people? If they have right on their side, why not discuss the matter fairly and bid their true names?

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The whole thing is unutterable folly, but, carried to a length most dangerous to the best interests of the country. We cannot conceal from ourselves that the present excitement owes a good part of its violence to the plottings of men secretly or openly desirous of an An-lexation, and that the effect of it all is favourable to their views.

know there are many Conservatives who have no feelings in common with the An-lexationist, but let them only watch closely the language used by the leading men in the present reckless agitation, and reflect whether the direct tendency by all the recent movements has not been to excite dissatisfaction with our present institutions, and to make men look around them for a new state of political movements.

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LETTER OF THE REV. H. MULKIN TO THE EDITOR OF THE N. Y. TRIBUNE.

Sir,—A friend has handed me the Transcript of the 17th instant, containing some strictures upon me for writing certain letters in the Patriot, and in relation to the Governor General.

You have placed in the Transcript, and in the Patriot, a copy of a letter which I had written to the Governor General, and in which I had expressed my opinion on the subject of the late riotous proceedings in Montreal.

Had you answered my letters, balancing fact against fact, and argument against argument, instead of assailing me as a clergyman, you would have done your duty as a superior to the common style of a clergyman, and as an honest politician.

That ground, Sir, do you deny the right of a clergyman to interfere in the politics of his country? The Bible, the history of the Church, the British Constitution, the history of the United States, all proclaim the duty of a clergyman to take part in important political questions.

But, Sir, are there no ministers in Lower Canada active in political matters, that you must pass into another diocese to denounce me? Pray, Sir, who are the editors of the Patriot and the Register? Or, are those papers from political matters? Or, if you do not know the Christian Guardian and the Church are edited by ministers? Or, perhaps, you will avow that they do not meddle in politics? Do you not know that there are other papers in Canada edited by clergymen, advocating ultra-party politics?

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ment was founded on the qualifying words in the statute—"unjust, unnecessary, and wanton." After the lapse of so long a time you have come to view the matter in the same light.

But, Sir, you state him, very, rather strong that three lawyers could not outwit a man with some form of apology, which we might sign without compromising the dignity of the Press, and at the same time meet the views of Mr. Roland Macdonald.

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MORE LIBEL.

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NOT BEFORE TIME!—We shall only add, the arrangements of the Government to prevent or do away with the riotous movements, we have every reason to believe, are the most complete description, and that they will, if unfortunately rendered necessary, be fully and effectually carried out.

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erto clouded brow of our business men of every grade. Fall Wheat has yielded most abundantly, while Spring promises more than an average return. The late rains have wrought miracles with the green crops, so that the harvest, generally speaking, is sure to be more fruitful than that of the last two years.

Another Libel Case.—We notice that Mr. Rolfe McDonald of St. Catharines has commenced a libel suit against the Editor of the St. Catharines Journal. Mr. McDonald formerly represented the town of Cornwall, and figured very prominently at the League Convention.

It will be asked by every person who Mr. McDonald did not prosecute the editor of the Globe in which the letter first appeared? Mr. McDonald answers this question in the affirmative to the Editor of the Journal. We do not believe that an impartial jury would find indubitable evidence, that the "malice" exists on the part of the man who passes over the editor that first published what has been reiterated a thousand times in Canadian journals, what every one believes, and what even Mr. McDonald does not pretend to deny.—Provincialist.

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men continue to exterminate and oppress such numerous lives as that which is embodied in the phrase "just and necessary war," there will be an abundance of emperors and tyrants, and an abundance of murders, and the worst depredations will be committed by the Emperor of Russia, in his daring aggression upon the liberties of the Hungarians, persuades himself or impudently endeavor to persuade others, that he has the right side of the quarrel, and therefore, he pretends that his share of the war is "just and necessary," and in this view he finds some supporters—and the result is the destruction of thousands of innocent men.

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ESSAYS ON WAR—NO. IV.

The next fallacy upon which the war system is supported, is, that there are certain circumstances or cases in which fighting is justifiable, and hence the idea of "just and necessary" war.

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