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of journalist seems to carry with it an utter disregard for honesty, decency and good breeding ; the most outrageous and barbarous personalities, vulgarities that would shock the suburban prowler constitute the daily food of our newspapers ; and to all these let us add a want of charity, which is peculiarly remarkable, when, from the tone and mein our journals put on or claim as theirs, charity should be expressly evangelical, I do not say catholic, for that is now almost among the impossibilities, since it appears, gentlemen, that there are only five catholics left in all Lower Canada, hardly enough to save Gomorrh, but most certainly not enough to save a whole province.

Hideous scenes are often witnessed ; the death bed itself is no more sacred, the last breath of the dying man is too slow for the ferocious impatience of a certain press. Barefaced and aggressive, it enters the chamber respected by death itself. Even on the suffering pillow of a man who is beloved and esteemed by all, it makes the savage inventory of a political succession under the pretence of provisions and combinations, as if such words could deceive the reader, as if the croaking of the raven could bear another name.¹

Is that the spectacle offered by the english press ? Does it lend itself to such revolting doings ? Oh ! no, in the english newspapers there is something to learn, there is something to develop the intellect. Quite the contrary is to be found in ours. Of course there are exceptions, but do you think that if the majority of our editors were possessed, first of that sound education which constitutes the gentleman, together with a serious learning, they would not be the first to blush at the language they use,

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¹ Allusion to the speculations made by a conservative newspaper in prevision of the death of the Hon. Mr. Geoffrion, a federal minister.