

citude, any unnecessary severity of remark upon men in the awful situation of those before the Court, but we feel we cannot, in the just performance of a public duty, withhold our opinion, that there is evidence to warrant the belief that the prisoner, De Lorimier, is one of that most dangerous class of offenders, whose machinations have raised up the rash and wicked rebellion, which has left so broad a tract of destruction and social misery in the land, and who are morally accountable for the lives, as well of those victims of civil war, who have fallen in the field, as of their own less intelligent brothers in guilt, who, on the scaffold, have paid the forfeit of their lives to offended justice.

We pass now to Laberge, who was present at the attack on the seignior house, as appears from the evidence of Brown, Feeny, Ross, and Bryson. He does not appear to have held any command, or to have been conspicuously active.

The same may be said of Touchette, who is identified by Brown, Ross, and Bryson.

It may be observed of those of the prisoners who composed or were among the party which fired in the attack upon the seignior house, viz : Brien, Chevrefils, Joseph Dumouchelle, Louis Dumouchelle, Rochon, Laberge, and Touchette, that they have narrowly escaped imbruing their hands in the blood of their fellow-creatures, and that not to any forbearance on their part, but to that power which overrules all human actions to its own wise purposes, is to be ascribed, that they stand not here polluted by a second and damning crime, the offspring of the first. How powerfully does this impress upon the mind a truth, to which we have, on a former occasion, directed attention, and which can never be too frequently repeated—that Treason, in its various developements, includes all possible modifications of guilt, and that he who, forgetting his duty to his Sovereign and his fellow-subjects, leagues with traitors, knows not into what abyss of crime his perilous course may lead him.

A brief notice will suffice for the evidence adduced on the defence. The prisoners have called upon no less than thirty-four witnesses,