

martyr, a hero, and a saint. The "hangmen of Ontario" were held responsible for the "crime." Mr. Laurier declared that the execution was a "judicial murder." He said that "if he had been living on the banks of the Saskatchewan when the revolt broke out, he would himself have taken up arms against the Government." He said further: "Henceforth there is to be but a united nationality, which will receive the support of their Liberal allies of the Province of Ontario and of the great statesman, Edward Blake."

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came out hot and strong upon this question, as might have been expected, after the lead given to it by firebrand and interested politicians, French and English.

Said *L'Etendard*: "As to the affairs of the North-West, is it not evident that the highest sense of justice would have avoided the rising and the civil war? . . . and the arson, the thefts, the robberies, the murdering of the wounded by the volunteers—was not all this persecution?" *Le Nord* burst forth: "Glut yourselves, Orange brothers, with the spectacle of the hanged Riel. You have vindicated the majesty of the law, but you have also dug beneath the scaffold a pit in which may be buried all your dreams of tyranny and domination over the North-West."

MR. JOLY'S LETTER

was a thunderbolt to the conspirators. Formerly Premier of Quebec, and a Rouge at that, rather than join the "Race and Revenge" crusade for party purposes, he declared in his letter of November 28th, "I cannot approve of the agitation which is now carried on in the Province of Quebec. . . . I cannot see how the formation of a new party, the National Party, would better their position (the French-Canadians), but I think I can see how it would endanger the future welfare of the Dominion." Another letter, breathing a very different spirit, but equally indicative, though in another way, of one spirit that was permeating the Quebecians, was sent to the *Mail* by "a Montreal French-Canadian." It was dated December 8th, 1885, and opened: "Messieurs les Orangeistes,—You are nothing but vile scoundrels. You have hanged Riel, the brave French-Canadian Metis. . . . But the crime which you have committed at Regina will not remain unpunished." And so on, *et cetera*.

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During the last session of the Ontario Legislature an amendment to the address was moved by Mr. Meredith, expressing appreciation of the conduct of the permanent military forces of Canada, and of the volunteers. An amendment to this was moved by Mr. White, as follows: "And we must, now that peace has been restored, the supremacy of the law vindicated, and just punishments inflicted upon the principal participants in the rebellion, it may be consistent with the public interests to extend the merciful consideration of the Crown