

man was announced as the occasion of a great protest and demonstration. Although the municipality seems to have taken no precautions for the preservation of the peace, the military were called out by the Deputy Adjutant-General, and they succeeded in protecting Mr. Hackett's funeral from serious attack. While the troops remained under arms the Orangemen were not molested; but in the evening, as they were leaving the city, they were again surrounded by an angry crowd, and in the obscure conflict which followed, two more of them were wounded, one, at least, mortally.

We have no desire to put forward the slightest excuse or extenuation on behalf of the Roman Catholic rowdies, whether Irish or French-Canadians, who carried their brutal intolerance and lawless violence to the extent of murder. But what are we to say of the Orangemen, who thrust the lighted torch of their organized and openly-paraded fanaticism into such a magazine of combustibles. No good end was to be gained, no intelligible principle was even to be asserted, by the public defiance of Roman Catholic traditions in a Roman Catholic city. The existence of Orangeism in Canada is susceptible of easy explanation, though, as we have said, its exceptional virulence can only be regarded as the result of a change of climatic conditions. The Angli-Saxon and Protestant element in Canada is mainly drawn from the Presbyterians of the Scottish Lowlands and of Ulster, with whom detestation of the "Scarlet Woman" is an hereditary passion. Even the earlier settlers, the "United Empire Loyalists," who took refuge in Canada after the success of the Revolution in the Thirteen Colonies, carry with them the dominant anti-papal sentiments of new England. It is, then, intelligible enough that there should be a powerful section of the Canadians adhering to Orangeism, and forced into more vehement assertion of Orange doctrines by the presence of an aggressive Romanism. But it is almost inconceivable that even Orangemen should be so obtuse as to imagine that they can successfully domineer where they are distinctly and hopelessly in a minority. It is evident that they have no more right, and indeed, no more substantial power, to defy the Roman Catholics of Montreal than they would have to insult the Mus-