

western district of Toronto, and two from the citizens of the Dominion living in Regina and Moosomin. No one else asked for the life of this man; but, on the other hand, we find, at the last page of the report, that there were 75 to 100 petitions asking that his life should be spared, if he were not altogether pardoned. As far as I am concerned, my constituents sent petitions to the Government, not asking for pardon, because, like myself, they were not in favor of giving liberty to this dangerous lunatic, but asking for commutation. Where was the clamor asking that this man should be executed? It is not to be found anywhere, except, perhaps, in the articles of the *Globe* and the Grits of Ontario, but since when has it happened that the Government of this country are to be dictated to by the *Globe* and the Grits of Ontario? Why did they not take public opinion as represented by the *Mail* and by their own friends, and by the Conservatives of Quebec, as well as the Liberals of that Province? Why did they take the view of the Grit party? I cannot understand it. I say that, in view of the exhibition of public opinion to-day in this House, when we see that an important portion, the Grit party at least, has changed its mind, when we see that the *Globe* shows that it was not serious in making representations asking for the blood of that man, it is perfectly clear that the whole public opinion of the Dominion was in favor of the commutation of that sentence, and I blame the Government for not having understood that public opinion. Now, before taking my seat, I wish to refer to a statement made at the opening of the Session by the right hon. the Premier of this Dominion. He stated that, when he was banquetted by the St. George's Club in London, he was forced to testify in favor of the loyalty of the French Canadians. I am sure that more than one of us last December was surprised to see that the Premier was placed in that inexplicable position. As to a man having a language different from the language of the English people, having a religion different from the majority of the English people, having a veneration for institutions which may not be the institutions of Great Britain—are the people of England not aware that such a man can be a loyal man? Look at France; look at Alsace and Lorraine—German Lorraine; has France ever found within its dominions men more loyal, although they were Germans, although they spoke the German language, and although most of them professed a religion different from that of the French people, than the inhabitants of those Provinces? Look at Great Britain herself, look at the French population of the Islands of the British Channel; are they not faith-