

of Montreal, this fact speaks well for the conduct and good behaviour of the inhabitants and is a subject for congratulation.

Although we have to regret that there should be a few capital cases, it is at least an alleviation to the painful sensation caused by the commission of such crimes in our midst, to know that they do not reveal the revolting features which have characterized the recent commission of similar crimes elsewhere in our province.

And in connection with this subject I cannot refrain from regretting, as I did once before in addressing another grand jury, the publication of extremely sensational articles and wood-cuts in many of our newspapers, with reference not only to the murders and other capital crimes which have occurred from time to time, and to the judicial proceedings which have taken place respecting them, but also with reference to the personality of the prisoners who were on their defence. Such articles and wood-cuts are not required to convey to the public the information, to which they are entitled, of what is happening; and while a moderate and thoughtful article can form and direct a proper public feeling, these sensational articles and wood-cuts, on the other hand, only pander to the imagination and to morbid feelings, and sometimes incite to the commission of crime persons who are wanting in moral perception and who crave