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The World.

The Sunday question is just now evoking a good deal of discussion. Since the outbreak in the Northwest several of the Toronto dailies have taken advantage of the public anxiety to issue Sunday editions. This movement has naturally given rise to anxiety on the part of those who wish to keep the day of rest unbroken. These naturally fear the beginning which may prove but the entering of the thin edge of the wedge which will be driven home until it cleaves a fissure in the Sabbath wide enough for the admission of the Sunday newspaper with all its accompaniments. Such an outcome would be greatly to be deplored, as one of the worst of breaches in the sacredness of the Sabbath rest. If the papers are sincere in their professions why not confine themselves to the issue of bulletins giving simply the latest news? No one, we think, would object to that and it would serve just as well to allay the very natural anxiety of those who have friends at the front.

The work of Civil Service Reform seems to be going on nobly in the neighbouring republic under President Cleveland's administration. The Secretary of the Navy and the Postmaster-General have notified the clerks in their respective departments that the full number of hours per day will be exacted, until the work which is now far in arrears is overtaken. Hitherto these clerks have been accustomed to clip two or three hours from the regulation day. The Postmaster-General has also actually reduced the number of Post Office Inspectors from sixty-nine to forty-five. He still further announces that all future appointments will be based on merit, after a thorough investigation of character, and, even then, will be at first only for six months of probation. If this kind of thing goes on there will soon be a great reduction in the number of patriots eager to serve their country in some lucrative office.

Our hopes seem to have failed, and our worst fears bid fair to be realized in reference to the half-breed rebellion. At the time of this writing the issue of the second conflict between Gen. Middleton's forces and those of the rebels is unknown, although there can be no doubt that the superior numbers, discipline and resources of the former must prevail. The determined and deadly resistance offered shows that Riel's followers are brave and desperate men. The whole business is most deplorable, and when it is all over, the insurrection crushed, and we left mourning the loss of so many gallant young men, the public grief will be aggravated by the fact that the foes they so bravely fought and subdued, were simply misguided and ignorant men, contending for what they believed to be their rights. The public will need to know that every effort to secure a peaceful solution of the difficulty on the basis of justice and generosity was made before the dread alternative was resorted to.

Referring to Indian troubles and massacres in the United States, Canadians have long been in the habit of saying "This business is better managed with us." The indications are that we shall be able to make this boast no longer. At the very moment when our Northwest Indians are complaining of bad faith and starvation, and for the first time in our history perpetrating atrocities, our cousins in the South are beginning to deal justly and mercifully with their aborigines. The new Secretary of the Interior, Mr. Lamar, has warned the white settlers on the Indian reserve at Oklahoma that they are trespassers and if they do not remove themselves the Government will have to remove them. He has gone still further in the case of another reservation, the Winnebago, and declared, after strict investigation, that the throwing open of this reserve to settlement, which was one of the last official acts of President Arthur, was in contravention of sacred treaties and therefore void. The settlers who have been rushing in thither are likewise warned to take themselves hence or they will be taken hence by the Government. All honour to the new President and his cabinet.