

rival and surpass its most infected portions in the amount and horrible catalogue of crime. Favored in every respect as we are for exhibiting a picture of morality, it is to be feared, the dark charges made against us are but too true.

There are causes at work south of the line 45° (which happily) have not as yet been fully felt in Canada, both in the nature of the Government and the character of the people formed under it, and by its influence. The popular will is omnipotent, and nothing can successfully oppose it until the storm of passion among the masses, has spent itself so that they will listen coolly to the voice of reason and the dictates of enlightened prudence coming from the educated and thinking classes of society. The press, unable to oppose the current, or desirous of advancing party at the price of truth and the real and lasting weal of society, lash the storm into a tempest, while by so doing they most effectually for the moment swell their subscription list with names, and their pockets with dollars. The vitiated taste of the lower classes is thus rendered more depraved, and the cheapness of newspaper literature, which indeed is almost the only literature read in the United States, ensures a wider sphere for the circulation of the poison. Excitement, in one shape or other, is the great end and aim of the people—in politics, from the election of a President and the deliberations of the Senate, down to a town election and the appointment of a constable for the year. In literature the same spirit is apparent; the class of cheap publications in newspaper form—which follows strictly the principle of political economy, that the supply depends upon, and is governed by, the demand—sufficiently proves what the taste of the people is in literature. This again reacts inevitably and powerfully on individual virtue and the morality of society, and the great moral engine for its regeneration and preservation is converted into its greatest curse, and must, if unchecked, result in its ruin. We have been led into this rather unusual line of editorial remark from the recent horrid developments of crime making in the United States, a few of which we have barely noticed, and because a portion of the press of this Province seems at present to be labouring, whether consciously or unconsciously we know not, but certainly most devotedly, and with untiring energy, for the same end. Let the press look to this, and let the people also deeply consider the causes of this fearful increase of crime, and let both unite for their eradication, and the prevention of such a state of things among the population of Canada.

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