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A MORE revolting spectacle was never offered to the Christian and civilized world than that banquet table spread in Winnipeg

MR. EUGENE MCCARTHY, of Fillmore, N. Y., in sending his subscription for the paper, very neatly expressed the common sentiment entertained by our readers of its value as a guide and friend.

EVERYTHING indicates that Mr. Gladstone's electioneering tour of Midlothian will be a triumphal progress. The Scotchmen are working their enthusiasm up to fever heat, and the campaign is destined to become as famous as that of 1850.

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THE Irish vote has at last come to be acknowledged a potent and important factor in the elections in Great Britain. The Liberals and Tories would only admit at first that the influence of the Irish amounted to anything to a dozen or so of constituencies.

LIVE AND LET LIVE.
MAD or not mad, Riel should and must not be hung. His crime was a political one in every sense of the word. Either the Ministry or the Executive should act on their own responsibility.

The New York Herald says:—"The six men who sat in judgment on him exercised the rights and the freedom of jurors only when they recommended him to mercy. Such a recommendation ought to save a condemned man from the gallows, and it usually does. To hang Riel after a trial which has no precedent in modern criminal jurisprudence would be more than a discredit to the advanced civilization of to-day.

Let the Government remember that the eyes of civilization are upon them, and are watching with intense interest and anxiety their attitude towards the prisoner at Regina. Sir John Macdonald has everything to lose by hanging Riel and nothing to gain.

Then again, suppose Riel was not executed, how much support would Sir John lose in the country? None at all. The Orangemen would not change their political colors, and the vote he would lose by hanging Riel would be more solid than ever.

LORD ROSEBERRY is a very liberal statesman, but he has a holy horror of that great engine of passive resistance, boycotting. If he got back to power he would strive to take from the Irish people this most effective arm against the tyranny and robbery of landlordism.

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THE LATE REV. S. P. LONERGAN.
THE diocese of Montreal has sustained a heavy loss in the death of the Rev. Father Simon P. Lonergan, Parish Priest of St. Mary's Church. He was among the most erudite and talented members of the clergy, by whom he was held in the greatest esteem.

JOHN BRIGHT AND PROTECTION.
JOHN BRIGHT is of the opinion that it would be mischievous to revive the policy of protection in England. He says the present depression is due partly to rash extension of business and partly to bad harvests.

WHY HE SHOULD NOT HANG.
We are pleased to find that many of our esteemed contemporaries have adopted the lines of argument followed by THE POST in discussing the important question of Louis Riel's fate.

SIR JOHN AND RIEL.
If the lessons and practices of civilization, if the example of the United States, France and other nations in dealing with political prisoners, have no influence on weight in the councils of the Canadian Government, and that the question of Riel's fate is to be settled according to party exigencies or the dictates of the Orange mob, then we say let Sir John A. Macdonald remember that by hanging Louis Riel he will not win over to his side one single Grit or Rouge voter, but will, on the contrary, lose the solid French vote of this province, and the support of every independent Canadian who does not believe in hanging for a political crime.

ON THE WANE.
THE city may be congratulated upon the rapid decrease in the mortality from smallpox within the past few days. During eleven days the disease has been gradual, but very clearly marked from fifty to twenty-three.

IS THERE A "LACK OF BRAINS?"
"The Montreal Daily Witness," said the Montreal Daily Star the other day, "is cursed with a lack of brains." At the time we considered that a cruel charge; but we are afraid there is some foundation for it.

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THE CITY'S CONDITION IMPROVING.
THE fact that the epidemic, from which we have suffered so much of late, has decreased in the number of deaths from sixty a day to fourteen, must be a subject of sincere satisfaction to all our citizens, but especially to those who have labored so incessantly amid so much discouragement and in a face of so many obstacles, for the extirpation of the scourge.

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A GOVERNMENT'S CRIME AND A RACE'S HUMILIATION.
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