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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.

ONE esteemed contemporary, the Montreal Daily Witness, wanted to know if THE POST had any "intelligent readers."

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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."

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.

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.

Not many decades ago boycotting flourished in Scotland. A book entitled "Popular Tamults," published in 1857, relates how one organization in Edinburgh, called "The Committee for the Protestant Interest," boycotted the Catholics of that time.

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fortable one for any of them who have any sense of the grotesque. Their spokesmen and newspapers have for many years used toward Mr. Gladstone every infamous and filthy epithet that even their vocabulary could furnish, and now they have to admire the breadth of his views.

As long as the Daily Witness writes and publishes such insulting and lying rubbish as the above, it must not expect either the public or its contraband to have a very high opinion of its "brains" or its fairness.

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.

NO DICTATION.

THE statement is repeated in several quarters that the Irish National candidates are required to promise that they will resign their seats when they cease to act as Mr. Parnell wishes them to do.

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 Ronge 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.

ness of his work is now seen, and the hollow and injustice of the arguments of his detractors amply proved. The decrease in the disease is the more gratifying, coming as it does at a time when the cold weather may set in at any moment, thus producing a domestic condition which might have a tendency to increase the epidemic.

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.

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IF, on the contrary, the ministers have resolved to let Riel live, then the sentiment that prevents them from making their decision known is one of fear. What are they afraid of? They cannot be afraid of the opinion of the nations; these strongly urge the rulers of Canada to adopt a policy of clemency as best calculated to place the country and the people on the straight road to national union and prosperity.

IF it comes to party considerations, there can be no doubt that the Government will lose far more seriously in Quebec through hanging Riel than they possibly can in Ontario through commuting his sentence.

is no much reason for believing that such deceptive warnings and threats as these are really determining the Government's action at this crisis. The Government may rather uncertain support in Ontario, which may be with it one year and gone the next; it may win this class of support in exchange for the tried and true support which it has received from Quebec as long as the Government has existed at all.

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.

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

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With the aid of the powerful intervention of prayer, which was so largely resorted to in all the churches, convents and religious houses, the health authorities have now got the disease fairly under control, and are beginning to enjoy the first fruits of their labors in the grand chorus of approving public opinion.

BUT the influence for good of the ecclesiastical authorities in all this business must neither be forgotten nor despised. Some foreign newspapers delight to propagate the opinion that the Catholic priests of Montreal, as a body, were opposed to vaccination, and were thus the people's greatest enemies.

His Lordship Mgr. Fabro reiterated Sunday after Sunday to his congregations the necessity of taking all the precautionary measures recommended by the Board of Health. His Lordship's pleading voice was ever raised in behalf of sustaining the authorities in the measures they adopted.

Thus was Mayor Beaugrand's action endorsed and sustained by the highest ecclesiastical authority in the city.

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IF they have resolved to hang Riel, we might cringe in the recesses of their dark and blood-stained Council Chamber to escape the frowns, the indignation and the scorns which a civilized world treasures up for the cowardly strangers of a political prisoner already judged by his judges.

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times under the oppressive heel of Orangism is to mistake the stuff of which French Canadians are made, and the pride and courage of their race.

The Minister, which has through thick and thin stood by the government as against Riel, has at last, but we are afraid too late, opened its eyes to the true nature of the situation. In this morning's issue it says: "Our appeals for mercy have been met with cries for blood. The position taken by the Province of Quebec was more honorable than that chosen by Ontario and some other provinces where the French element is in the minority; and what causes us sorrow for the fair name and fame of the Dominion, for the future harmony which ought to exist between the different races, is that an evil sentiment has carried the day. We are vanquished; but virtue is on our side and the majority will one day regret the useless measure of irritation of which it is about to assume the responsibility."

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Will Sir John Macdonald repeat between this and Monday morning?

CANADA REPUUDIATES THE CRIME.

LOUIS RIEL, the leader of two rebellions raised in the interest of justice and right, and on behalf of the oppressed half-breeds and pioneer settlers of the Canadian North-West, was hanged this morning at Regina. He bowed his head to the murderous manipulation of the hangman with as much grace and fortitude as Sir John and his colleagues submitted with cowardice and pusillanimity to the blood-thirsty dictation of the Orange demon, which has been seeking to destroy the chief of the Metis during the past fifteen years. To the scandal of the civilized world, and to the injury of the Canadian Confederation, Riel has been made to suffer for a deed committed during the first rebellion, and for which he was pardoned by the same hand that to-day signed his death warrant. The cause and the people which Riel represented made his life sacred. In himself he may have been nothing; and his death, as an individual, would not have disturbed the peace and harmony of the people. But Riel's identification and association with a cause, universally recognized to be a just one, gave him that inviolability which modern civilization has decreed to be the part and right of a political prisoner. Our government has shamefully and for the basest of purposes violated that decree. And that violation the people of Canada owe it to themselves and to the fair name of their country to repudiate and condemn by flinging from power the men whose hands are stained with the blood of Riel.

We consequently urge upon the Hon. John Costigan to sever his connection with the Ministry. If he remains in it, it will be a sign that he is not for the people and the death of Riel. We have every hope that he did not allow his heart and his judgment to be blinded to that extent. He threatened once to leave the Cabinet on