

at than that the case was clothed in mystery, and that any further investigation would be loss of time and unwarrantable expenditure of public money.

Of course these remarks are based on the report of the inquest which has appeared in the public press, and which we are bound to receive as correct, since no contradiction has followed; although we are aware that certain papers published in this city do not scruple to alter the phraseology and meaning of reports which they receive, and all to suit their own convenience.

THE LATE RIOTS OF MONTREAL.

We publish in this number of the JOURNAL a very interesting article from the pen of Dr. Henry Howard, Medical Superintendent of the Provincial Lunatic Asylum at Longue Pointe, entitled "The late riots of Montreal viewed from a psychological stand-point." We trust the tone of this article will do some good, and that it will tend to allay the irritation which without doubt exists in our community, as well as throughout the country.

Nothing will go further to make a man pause and consider the character of his actions, and induce him to alter his tactics, than the realization that his acts are those of a weak-minded person, or of an insane person. We were much impressed with the gist of Dr. Howard's line of argument, and we do think that if the authorities were to send all *violent* agitators, it matters not whether political or religious, to be taken care of in a lunatic asylum, it would be highly beneficial, and in all likelihood save many valuable lives

This ought to be an age in which cool deliberate discussion should be permitted on all subjects, and men ought to be sufficiently humanized to be able to face one another in a manly stand-up fight, using only the weapons that nature has bestowed, and let them remember that the tongue is the most harmless and yet the most powerful weapon they possess.