

measure of success. If successful a patriot and here, if unsuccessful a rebel and traitor. In the issue of the *Journal* for Sept. 21, 1837, is an article headed "Mobocracy in Canada." The articles give us another link in the history of our country, for here is a reference to the *Christian Guardian*, published sixty years ago, and another to William Lyon Mackenzie, certainly using very vigorous language in regard to both. The article headed "Mobocracy in Canada" begins thus: "A most lamentable and exciting occurrence took place a few days ago, in the town of Niagara, by which two colored men lost their lives, and several others were seriously injured. A runaway slave from Kentucky (here follows the story). Application was made to the Lieutenant-Governor to remove said felon, which was granted. An armed mob, principally of colored people of all sexes and conditions, having collected about the jail, several magistrates, soldiers and constables were called in, the Riot Act was read, the mob rushed on the officers with clubs and knives, the military were ordered to fire; but the grand object of the mob was gained, as the prisoner escaped; \$100 is offered by the sheriff as a reward for his capture. A coroner's inquest was held. The pretext of the blacks for their violent conduct was the suspicion that the slave was not to be punished as a horse thief, but to be returned to slavery, losing sight of the enormity of the crime of resisting the law."

It seems by the issue of Sept. 28th, that the *Christian Guardian* had given in its columns a statement that a verdict of "wilful murder" against the Deputy Sheriff had been given, and a very abusive article follows against the *Christian Guardian*, which, the *Journal* says, waited a week to get the facts of the case, and then accuses the Deputy Sheriff of wilful murder: "We may search the records of human depravity in vain for a parallel of crime for its appropriate title." The words quoted from the *Christian Guardian* seem hardly to deserve this tirade: "That the Deputy Sheriff in ordering the military to fire on an unarmed assemblage, who offered no violence, several minutes after the escape of the prisoner, exceeded his authority." An extract from the *Niagara Chronicle* gives the account of the inquest; "At 10 o'clock on Sunday morning, Sept. 24th, the jury having been confined seventeen hours, returned their verdict unanimously in the case of Herbert Holmes, 'justifiable homicide,' by twelve of the jurors; in the case of Jacob Green, "That the deceased was killed by a wound inflicted by a sharp cutting instrument, but whether justifiably or unjustifiably there is not sufficient evidence before the jury to decide." Between the verdict of the jury on the 24th, and the article on the 27th, there were two mails and six steamboat arrivals from Niagara. Some very strong language is used against those "who under the sacred garb of Christianity aim insidious and well-directed blows against the foundations of social order. We are no more fond of slavery than of mob law. We would rather prostitute our columns to the service of the master who deals in flesh and blood, than to him who was a murderer from the beginning." In the *Journal* of Oct. 4th, the editor returns to the charge thus: "In his paper of Oct. 4th, the editor of the