

ests, races and creeds, and great local separation of its component parts, there will be none of those strong feelings of popular enthusiasm which tend so much to the strength and unity of nations. We have no George Washington or William Tell, no stirring memories of great deeds done or sufferings endured to secure our national existence, and the truly national feeling which exists among us, centres at this moment more at London and Paris, than at Ottawa. Popular indifference on the one hand, and mere declamation on the other, will not supply the want of those powers which stir the hearts even of rude nations. We must endeavour to fill their place by the formation of an enlightened public opinion, and by the cultivation of minds fitted to guide aright the destinies of the country, and to reconcile its jarring interests without any fatal sacrifice of truth and right.

*And this is
why we seek
to unite.*