

APPENDIX B

AN ONTARIO DEALING WITH QUEBEC

The following is from a pamphlet issued for the visit of Quebec Bonne Entente delegates to Toronto, Hamilton and Niagara Falls in January, 1917, following the pilgrimage through Quebec, in the preceding October, of an Ontario party:—

During the summer of 1916 it was keenly realized by several gentlemen in Ontario that unless something were done to improve the drift of feeling between the two principal races in Canada, as affected especially by the relations of the two largest provinces, national unity in the Dominion might become endangered and the good feeling which the opening of the war brought into action might disappear.

It was clear that it was no part of Ontario's function to seek in any way to influence recruiting or any war work in Quebec—that responsibility remaining absolutely with the citizens there, and the duty of Ontario being limited to avoiding, as far as possible, embarrassment of their patriotic efforts.

At the Sherbrooke banquet, during the Quebec visit, the following resolution was unanimously passed:—

That Sir George Garneau and Mr. John M. Godfrey be requested to appoint a committee to make arrangements for the return visit to Ontario, and for a permanent organization to promote racial good-will along lines of interchange of public speaking on topics of common concern, the dissemination of printed matter, and the spread of inter-provincial information through educative institutions.

After the Quebec visit to Ontario it was expected by those who had most closely come into contact with the French that the Sherbrooke resolution, directing that educational work be undertaken would be carried into