

I admire the man who can say with Sir Walter Scott—

“Breathes there the man with soul so dead,  
Who never to himself hath said,  
This is *my own*, my native land.”

Or with King David of Old, when speaking of Jerusalem, exclaims, “If I forget thee, O Jerusalem, let my right hand forget its cunning.” And that is the very reason why Canadians should not be annoyed by any body of men and compelled to keep themselves in readiness for the protection of their homes and hearths. If Ireland is dear to Irishmen so is Canada dear to Canadians, and how any body of men can consistently claim for themselves what they will not grant to others is what I cannot understand. They seek to overrun a country which has never injured them, and whose population is composed of Irish, English, Scotch and Americans.

That such an assassination as that of the late Mr. T. D’Arcy should have taken place in the City of Ottawa after he had finished his day’s work, and that now not only Canada but England and the world at large should have to mourn the loss of such a bright and shining light and such a staunch upholder of British independence, is such as to warn every right-minded man that the time has come when all loyal and patriotic subjects, whether by birth or circumstances, should take their stand. That such a life should be sacrificed for any purpose, and that we should be denied the pleasure of listening to such an orator, is more than I am willing to consent to. We have in England such a piece of gold as is called the Kho’inoor because of its real worth, but what is the comparison between that same “Kho’inoor” and such a gem as the mind of the late Mr. McGee. Were the most precious jewels of the East brought into comparison and placed in the balance they would be found wanting; and I am here to say the body of men who concocted or the body of men who accomplished his assassination are not worthy of life. I distinctly hold that not only the being who accomplished the assassination but the men who allied themselves to the accomplishment of the act deserve the extreme penalty of the law. I repeat, take