

And moreover I must declare that whilst favorable to political Liberalism moderate and confined within the limits laid down by the Doctors whom I have just cited, we respect and will know how to defend, if need be, those conservative principles which are necessary for the tranquillity of the State and the happiness of families, and we energetically repudiate all those dangerous doctrines which threaten social order, convulse conscience and society, expel God from the schools and only beget impious and revolutionary men.

I have often said and I will again repeat it to night, with the full assent of the Liberals who now surround me : that the victory of the 14th of October, 1886, was not a Liberal victory, but a National victory, and that the present Government, the legitimate consequence of that victory, has been, is still and shall, as long as I remain its leader, be a National Government, relying with confidence upon the honest men of both parties, vindicating the honor of the Province and defending its interests, healing the wounds inflicted on it by previous governments, forgetting the fratricidal contests of the past and seeking for the support of all men of good will, without distinction of race, party or religious belief, in order to consolidate our institutions and to prepare our country for the realization of the grand destiny which the near future opens out to our people.

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The enemies of the National party predicted in 1886 that our triumph would be the ruin of the English speaking element ; if they were to be believed, we were, on attaining power, to abolish the Protestant religion, to interdict the use of the English language in the public schools, the Legislature and Courts of Justice, drive all the English out of this Province and confiscate their property just as was done in the past to the Acadians ; there were some, indeed, who went so far as to believe that we were to dethrone the Queen of England and to make war upon the King of Prussia.

These good souls must now be reassured ; we have now been in power more than a year and none of those dreadful things have happened, thank Heaven !