

It is that Canada is a very difficult country to govern, and that, if Canada is to be kept as one, full account must be taken of the different elements of which it is composed. Canada's population is made up of persons of different origins and traditions; it is made up in largest part of two great peoples differing in race, differing also largely in religion, though not wholly so; it is made up of people whose interests, economic and otherwise, lie in a variety of directions. There are many who have come to Canada from foreign lands to seek here a new life, new liberty and new freedom. What Laurier sought to impress upon all his colleagues - it was something which, being of the minority in race and religion, he felt deeply in his own nature - was that in a country such as Canada we must constantly have the rights of minorities in our thoughts, that no portion of the population should ever seek to dominate in virtue of the fact that in numbers it is larger than other portions; that it is always well to remember that there can be no great body of opinion or belief that has not some real justification for it.

You have heard tonight my good friend, Ernest Lapointe, speak to you from his heart, as he always speaks. I ask you if the note which he sounded was not the one which was most