

Short of the "instinct of social justice", their sole interest — interest in their own welfare, interest in the general peace and prosperity of the country — should tell them that they ought to take the lead in the crusade for the triumph of equal justice to all minorities, and the maintenance of the principle of equality of rights, for both races, all over the land.

Upon that principle Confederation was built, old feuds were pacified. Upon that principle alone Confederation shall stand, and peace and harmony prevail.

Conclusion.

In conclusion of this rambling through the field of national history and psychology, may I refer the English reader to one of my first expressions of sympathy on their behalf, after the foundation of this paper?

Four years ago, I wrote an article in which I strongly urged the English minority to take a more active and sympathetic interest in our public affairs. Pointing out the inconveniences resulting from their lack of activity in that respect, I suggested that every constituency which elects one English- and one French-speaking representative, should send the French to Ottawa and the English to Quebec. I insisted on the necessity of the English selecting their "best men" to sit in our councils.

Only one English paper in Montreal daigned take notice of that article; and it was to reproduce only those portions of it which might grate the nerves of its readers. Those paragraphs which invited the active cooperation of the English minority were carefully left aside. Another fine sample of "fair play".

In spite of this and many other similar experiences, I firmly adhere to those ideas. I am still prepared to stand by the doctrine of the "most qualified", irrespective of race or creed. But I respectfully advise our English-speaking fellow-citizens to meditate upon the facts I have presented to them, to talk less about their *rights* and to think more of their duty, — duty to themselves, duty to their neighbours, duty to the whole community to which they belong, as much as the French, — whether the community be the City, the Province, or the Country.

If they do so with an open mind, and act accordingly with a stout heart, they may, and will surely, regain the esteem, the confidence and the affection of the vast majority of their French-speaking fellow-citizens.

Should they refuse to do so, and persist in living in this City and Province, as a group of isolated Uitlanders, wealthy, self-satisfied and self-contained, with no care for their French-speaking neighbours,---except on such occasions as when French votes are needed to elect an English-speaking mayor — then, they will be primarily responsible for the evil consequences to the City, to the Province, to the Country at large. They will be the closest allies of the lowest type of French demagogues, who will call upon the support of their compatriots in favour of any French candidate to public functions, corrupt or incompetent as he may be, against