

Lord Grey,

in answer to Lord Elgin, Belgrave Square, June 1st, 1848:

"I quite agree with you as to the impolicy of the attempts . . . therefore, though I confess I am sorry to alter the Union Act as regard the languages, I shall almost immediately yield to their wishes by bringing up a Bill to effect the desired changes. You will receive an official announcement of this intention by this mail. . . ."

Lord Elgin to Earl Grey,

Montreal, June 1st, 1848:

" . . . Let me also remind you of the importance which attaches to the passing of a measure to remove the restrictions imposed by the Act of Union on the use of the French language. . . ."

Lord Elgin to Earl Grey,

Montreal, June 15th, 1848:

"I trust that the next bag from Downing Street will inform on what you intend to do in order to repeal the restrictions on the use of the French language imposed by the Union Act. I am very anxious on this point. Lafontaine is constantly speaking to me about it. I believe these provisions to be most impolitic and calculated to produce the very opposite effect from those intended. Their repeal has been applied for in an address, I believe, unanimously voted by the Local Legislature and promised by the Secretary of State. Why should it be delayed? . . ."

Lord Elgin to Earl Grey,

Montreal, June 29th, 1848, (in speaking of the means to stop the exodus of Canadians to the U. S., he concludes):

"The moral is: . . . Fill up the frontier country with French, and the lands to the rear with British, who may retain their love of home and its institutions at a distance from American influences.'"

Lord Dudley, Governor of Australia,

(The Austral Light, April, 1909):

"Nor do I think that racial distinctions constitute an unhealthy feature in national life. On the contrary, it has always appeared to me that they may be a source of considerable national strength, for each race has its own qualities which are due largely to its history, its traditions, and its faith. As an asset, then, of national strength, we should seek to maintain those qualities, to foster and encourage them in every way possible. And the more you allow each race to live and grow in accordance with its own traditions, the more you refrain from hampering it by illiberal and unelastic schemes of development, the more likely will you be to draw forth its fullest powers and usefulness."

His Grace Mgr. Routhier,

Administrator of the Ottawa Archdiocese, Ottawa, January 19th, 1910: