

handicaps they were placing on the advancement of their people. They encouraged French-Canadian immigration to Ontario and the western provinces. Everywhere they have looked for strategic positions and endeavored to consolidate their political influence. French extremists were delighted to see a great number of battalions leave the English provinces for overseas. They are indifferent to the losses and sacrifices of the people of English tongue. They see only one thing, and that is, the greater the losses and sacrifices of the English provinces, the greater the political power of Quebec. They think they will be able in this way to make common cause with the Germans and Austrians".

On December 7, 1917, the Winnipeg Telegram, speaking of the Halifax disaster, said of us, very kindly : "It should have been Quebec. In Quebec it would have been of inestimable value as an object lesson to those who see so little the danger of an unfortunate issue of this war to Canada".

All these insults, all these falsehoods and slanders are condensed in an election notice published in the paper "The Union" and reproduced in the Evening Telegram. The Citizens' Union Committee, with general headquarters in Toronto, distributed this publication under the following heading : "Is a United Quebec to Rule all Canada ?", and with this sub-title : "The Citizens' Union Committee, anxious for the maintenance of British ideals and traditions, views with alarm the menace of French-Canadian domination and its inevitable influence upon the home, the school, and the state. Union Government alone can save Canada from the menace of French-Canadian domination. We find elsewhere, furnished by the same committee, other titles, such as : "Who is stabbing Canada's soldiers in the back ? Disloyal leaders in Quebec." The old dream of French independence again" "Anti-British agitators waiting for solid Quebec with aim of dominating Canadian affairs". "Anti-British agitators join hands with Laurier", etc., etc.

We may be told perhaps that these quotations prove nothing. These papers reflect only the opinions of certain fanatics. Nobody pays any attention to these appeals to passion and prejudice. If it is only a matter of isolated cases, if, in reality, these writings are nothing but the expressions of opinion of a small number of hotheads, we would attach no importance to them.