

BRIEF HISTORY

COUNTY	BRITISH		FRENCH	
Brome	9,503	7,759	3,471	4,977
Chateauguay	4,818	3,742	11,288	9,607
Compton	9,439	10,477	3,785	18,714
Dorchester	2,752	1,442	14,996	23,627
Drummond-Arthabaska	5,131	2,317	26,598	39,165
Gaspé	5,448	7,660	12,956	27,127
Huntingdon	10,606	6,557	4,924	5,372
Labelle and Wright	15,652	17,916	21,514	68,389
Lotbinière	3,213	913	17,340	21,319
Mégantic	6,712	4,195	12,074	26,761
Missisquoi	7,648	5,958	7,114	10,479
Pontiac	11,282	13,321	3,455	14,270
Quebec-West	8,229	3,841	4,861	5,465
Richmond-Wolfe	8,618	7,249	11,222	31,937
Shefford	6,142	4,587	12,683	19,214
Sherbrooke	4,829	8,331	3,544	13,947
Stanstead	9,380	9,794	3,212	10,655

The lesson to be derived from the foregoing figures is very clear and shows that English speaking people are gradually leaving the rural districts of Quebec while the French Canadian people are becoming more attached to them.

Now, what does this constant exodus of English speaking people teach us? To me it means that success can only be secured in Quebec by adopting the language of the majority, viz., FRENCH and becoming one of them. Even as it would be impossible to reach the English of England through the French language, even so, it is impossible to reach the French Canadian by the use of English.

What Does This Teach Us ?

It should teach us that it is useless trying to ignore or root up conditions planted nearly 400 years ago. We might just as well try to stop the ocean tides. The FRENCH CANADIAN was here before us and will be here after we are dead and buried. He has proved himself to be a very desirable fellow-citizen and countryman. Then why try to force him to do business with you in English. Its no use saying that Uncle Sam assimilated all foreign languages and we should do the same. Conditions are not equal, neither are cases similar.

In Quebec Province, the French people have the same