

provinces, there has been no assimilation. Not of our world of thought, unacquainted with or indifferent to our ideas of Imperialism and nationhood and progress, and cherishing a language and faith and traditions of her own, Quebec has remained Quebec, reluctant to learn and to forget, and still faithful to the ideals and traditions of the past.

In the attempt to unite the two Canadian peoples, Confederation has so far not been a complete success. It has been a union in form but not altogether in spirit; a *modus vivendi*, a plausible political mechanism under which the two races continue, to a large extent, to live their lives almost as separately and distinctly as though the English Channel lay between them, their aloofness being broken from time to time chiefly by outbreaks of their traditional strife. And, as if properly to emphasize the difficulties of Confederation, its fiftieth anniversary found the country in the throes of the most serious crisis it