

me say one or two things quite plainly, for I feel that you and I alike are seeking only the truth.

1. You are quite mistaken in saying that there is or was in Ontario, outside of a few fanatics, any desire to attack the rights of the French Canadians. No doubt there are fanatics in Toronto, and they are often very insulting in their tone, but out of six daily papers in Toronto only two have made bitter attacks on the French and they are evening papers with no wide circulation beyond Toronto.

2. While intemperate language has been used on both sides, I found on investigating the subject that the school of thought of M. Bourassa (whom I know and whose personal character I respect) was chiefly responsible for making trouble over the Bilingual question. I will ask you to accept a book "The New Era in Canada" which I am sending by this mail and I will ask you to let me know whether I have stated fairly in my essay on *The Bi-lingual Question*, the facts of the case. I may say to you that, until Quebec held back in regard to the war, the anti-French feeling in Toronto was largely confined to a few professional politicians.

3. With you I deplore the backwardness of Quebec in regard to conscription. I have long been a friend and supporter of Sir Wilfrid Laurier but he struck a deadly blow at the unity of Canada and to the respect for Quebec in other parts of Canada when he gave his support to Mr. Bourassa's agitation in regard to conscription. The last thing in the world that I have desired is to become a supporter of Sir Robert Borden, but this I must avow myself, for, in spite of the gross and even criminal things done by some members of Sir Robert Borden's government, he stands now for the nation's honour.

How could those whose dearest have died in France support a leader who, like Sir Wilfrid Laurier, would abandon on that red field the companions who still survive?

I know that you feel as I do about this. (24) I beg you to

(24) Une mise à point est nécessaire. M. Wronga un fils au front, un autre est mort en France au champ d'honneur, et ces deux enfants étaient les petits-fils de M. Blake qui fut avant M. Laurier chef du parti libéral; entraînés sans doute par sa légitime douleur et son anxiété, mon éminent correspondant élargit le