

THE FRENCH-CANADIAN AND THE GREAT COMMON- WEALTH

WE have had the pleasure of presenting to our readers in the September and October numbers of the MONTHLY REVIEW two articles of exceptional interest and importance on the subject of the French-Canadian in the British Empire. The writer, Mr. Henri Bourassa, is a member of the Canadian Parliament, and has made himself known not only in the Dominion, but also on this side the water, as a vigorous exponent of the creed of the extreme section among the Canadians of French descent. His position and his abilities would have gained him a ready hearing even if he had been of our own race and ways of thought, and merely giving evidence once more of the broad and vitalising tide of loyalty which we have long known to be bearing the British-Canadian on towards a vast and splendid horizon. But Mr. Bourassa's opinions become far more interesting to us when we remember that he represents one of the less known and less kindred elements in what we call by the very partially accurate name of the British Empire; that he can give us an insight into the feelings and the hopes of a compact body of our fellow subjects, already numbering more than a million and a half, and not unlikely in the future to show a majority over all other elements in Canada; and that his views are so strikingly in contrast with those prevalent at the present time among Europeans, and especially among Englishmen, that