

in Nova Scotia, the *Courrier des Provinces Maritimes* in Gloucester, and the *Moniteur Acadien* in Westmoreland county, have been discussing the question. The articles are not at all aggressive, but they show in what spirit that commemoration is received among a large portion of the citizens of the lower provinces. I will simply read the conclusion that one writer arrives at in an article signed by himself. He is a responsible man who writes in the *Moniteur Acadien*, a newspaper published at Shediac. Commenting on this celebration, the writer gives the history of the capture of Louisbourg in 1745, and by way of conclusion says:

It is certain that very few Canadians, either English or French, Protestant or Catholic, will take any pride in the aggressive demonstration that a few Americans of the old school take upon themselves to make at Louisbourg.

And the newspaper goes on and gives the full reasons why it should be discountenanced. Now, some English-speaking papers have taken up the question too, and I will simply give a short extract from a Nova Scotia paper, the *Casket*, published I believe in the county represented by the late Sir John Thompson:—

A monument at Salem to mark the spot where the so-called witches were burned would be in order, as that is a chapter in the history of our neighbours well worth commemorating as an historical fact, but if a monument on Canadian soil should be erected by aliens on the spot hallowed by historical scenes and fraught with painful suggestions to the descendants of the French nation, who now form a part of this country of ours, appears an action entirely uncalled for and which would hardly receive the support of Canadians in general.

No such insult on the part of the Imperial authorities towards the French Canadians would be contemplated as is conveyed by this action of the Massachusetts Society of Colonial Wars.

I will give you no more readings from newspapers, these will suffice to show the hon. House that the proposed erection of a monument is received in anything but a friendly spirit by many of our people. The fact of alien people taking upon themselves to erect a monument on a foreign land is, in itself, a thing unheard of among civilized nations. Why should the Americans, who are more or less friendly to the empire, come here and commemorate a military event in a manner calculated to give offence to a part of the population who are loyal subjects to the Crown of England now, or to the whole

population I may say? Would the United States or any other nation tolerate such a thing? I do not believe it. No doubt they carried Louisbourg, but if we go to history we must also admit that the glory of that capture, if glory there was, is not wholly American. If Pepperrell and his chaplain and his followers had been alone, I believe Louisbourg would never have fallen into their hands. If Commodore Warren had not been there, no demand would be made for the erection of a monument to-day. Louisbourg would still be French. Why should the Americans come and take upon themselves the glory, if glory there is? Their part of the affair is not a glorious one, and the real capture of Louisbourg is due to the English—Warren and his officers. But that is not the question. If to-day, for example, it is proper for the Americans to come here and erect monuments of their supposed glory on our Canadian soil and stir up feelings which are anything but pleasant, then it would be proper for the colonists of France, the Normans, to erect a monument where the battle of Hastings was fought, commemorating the conquest of England by the French. The English would not tolerate it, and no Frenchmen would ask it, because it would be looked upon as absolutely unseemly; it would look ridiculous. Supposing now that Canadians were to go and erect a monument at Carillon where Abercrombie with his 16,000 men were routed by 3,500 Frenchmen, how would the press take it? What would the American Government say to that action? Of course our people would not dream of such an unseemly action, or demand a thing so unreasonable. Or supposing our militia, commemorating military achievements of ours, were to go with or without—I believe in this Louisbourg case it was without—permission and erect a monument at Monongahela where Braddock with his troops and Washington who never told a lie were licked by the Canadians—how would the Americans accept it? We would hear a justifiable howl. The men who would attempt such a thing would never come back to this soil to tell the story. Why should we do, or allow others to do what our neighbours would certainly not tolerate from us? If this monument was simply in honour of the dead, it would be right enough. Those people, French, English and Swiss—because the French garrison was composed