

can be loyal without partaking the noisy enthusiasm of our fellow-countrymen in this particular question of the Transvaal. We can be loyal and disagree with the majority on the question at issue.

Are we not at liberty to express our opinion on a war which is considered, even by a great many Britishers of high standing, as a grave mistake, to say the least ?

Are we obliged to approve of the advisability of sending our soldiers to contribute in the defence of Great Britain's colonies when nothing in the treaty of 1763 and in our constitution of 1867 provides for it ?

“ Had there been, said very appropriately a French-Canadian paper recently, to engage us to cherish the character and institutions of Great Britain, but the amability of those who write in the *Montreal Star*, the *Toronto News* and the *Hamilton Spectator*, our affection would have been very small indeed. Had there been, since the cession, only the incoherent writings of that yellow press to fill us with admiration for the work accomplished by the Anglo-Saxon race all over the world, our admiration would not be exuberant. Had there been, to lighten the English yoke on our shoulders, but the confidence and deference inspired by the scribblers of the three papers quoted, it is long since we would have shaken off Great Britain's yoke. Had we been obliged to appreciate the English people and their uncontested valor by those three giddy-brained writers or their imitators, we would have expressed to them years ago the deepness and extent of our contempt.” (1)

Whenever the British crown has been endangered in this country, we have materially proved our loyalty and patrio-

(1) *La Semaine Commerciale*, October 27.