

"Francophobia"

A New "Book of Lamentations" with a Modern Canadian Setting.

From the French of ADOLPHE POISSON 1849.

To all who can appreciate the delicious irony of Poisson's "Francophobia" this modest English version is respectfully dedicated.

In "Francophobie" M. Poisson ridicules, in a humorous and ironical manner, the groundless fears of a small minority of English-speaking Canadians, who are supposed to lament over the persistent, and successful progress, in assailing *their* prerogatives, of those whose tongue is that of the "MERE PATRIE"; and suggests the party of the second part, as regarding with extreme complacency, and, indeed enjoyment, these futile efforts of the opposition to stem the "incoming tide."

It is a matter for congratulation, however, that "nous avons changé tout cela," and that a counter-current of closer relations has set in, which will carry us forward to the conclusion that neither ENVY, nor any other of the DEADLY SINS,—FRANCOPHOBIA, nor ANGLOPHOBIA,—have the smallest part in our NATIONAL life.

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