

are not united as they ought to be. Different Prime Ministers of Canada have been of different nationality and different religion. They have been working to unite the people of Canada, but up to the present time their efforts have been a dismal failure because our people have been separated in childhood and have been taught a different philosophy and on different premises. Under the circumstances I do not feel that I have violated my privileges as a member of this House in moving the resolution which stands in my name.

I wish it were possible for me to deal with this question as intensely as I feel upon it. Situated as I have been by birth, living amongst the French Canadian people, whom I love as I love the citizenship of my own nationality, I believe that every honourable member of this House ought to realize that that race should make as proud a mark in Canada, as bold a national mark, as their people have made in France, and that they should be as useful in the development of Canada as the inhabitants of any province or any set of citizens that can be brought into it.

In dealing with this matter we have to consider the question of the aliens who have come here from the spotted places of Europe. I am very glad to see that there is legislation coming from another place providing that in the future we are not to be overstocked with the remnants of the disrupted empires of Europe. I was looking over the map the other day and giving it as careful study as I could, and I came to the conclusion that Europe was as spotted as a leopard's skin—that there were spots of civilization, spots of barbarism, and spots where the people had failed to rise even to the civilization of those old empires which have been bad examples for centuries. To-day, when the strong hand of the law is removed from those people, they act as they have always done, as barbarians rather than as civilized people. If they have not been civilized in their own homes during the centuries, then I say that we in Canada need not expect to civilize them here. Let us not bring into Canada those men, who have made the black spots in Europe. Do not let them come here to make black spots in the fair West of Canada. There are some of them there now that we have to deal with; there are some of them there now that in all probability we cannot get rid of constitutionally. They were brought here under certain guarantees given in the name of Canada, and I say, honourable gentleman, that any guarantee

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given in the name of Canada should stand good even though it be to the detriment of Canada. But there is no reason why we should go further and encourage those people to come here.

I may say to my honourable friend on the other side of the House (Hon. Mr. Choquette), who is always critical, that I meant what I said about guarantees given in the name of Canada. And in regard to the school system, I say, let us meet the situation while we have an opportunity, and while there is still time; let us meet half-way, like gentlemen, like true patriotic citizens of Canada. Let us give way to each other in whatever is necessary, so that we may have a system of education that will enable Canada's citizens to occupy the proud position which they are entitled to occupy, a position which has been earned for them in the battlefields of Europe.

Hon. Mr. BEAUBIEN: I would like to ask the honourable gentleman who made this motion to be kind enough to lay before the House the sources of his information, particularly the figures which he has given to the House.

Hon. Mr. POPE: I am going to give them all to Hansard. I do not know whether I can give you them all. I have referred to the annual Year Book of the province of Quebec. The figures with regard to local taxation come from that authority.

Hon. Mr. BEAUBIEN: We should know where the honourable gentleman gets his information. It should be available to every member of this House. I think the best way to accomplish that is to let us have a list, with the sources of information clearly indicated on it.

Hon. Mr. POPE: All right. I may never satisfy you.

Hon. Mr. BEAUBIEN: I do not think you will.

Hon. Mr. POPE: I do not want to. You are one of the class I do not want to satisfy. These figures came very largely from the report of the School Attendance Committee of the Provincial Association of the Protestant Teachers of Quebec. The figures with regard to taxation came from the Year Book of the province of Quebec for 1916-17. The school attendance, etc., came from the same authority.

Hon. Mr. CHOQUETTE: Do you mean the statistics compiled by Mr. Marquis?