

pride in Great Britain's history, and in our own political connection with so glorious a people. The efforts to establish a Canadian nationality independent in itself, as every nationality must be, is the outcome, doubtless, of a laudable desire to imbue our young citizens with a love for this land of their birth. With that sentiment no people can be in closer accord than the Scots, a people, as a whole, characterized by their perfervid love for the land of Wallace and of Scott. But what must be pointed out is that there is a vast and fundamental difference between the embodiment of a desire such as might be exemplified in love of country on the one hand, and on the other, any effort in the direction of creating a nationality. The distinction here suggested must needs be emphasized, otherwise there is apt to be confusion, a mis-use of terms, and unsatisfactory results.

Canadian nationality! What is it? There is no answer forthcoming. It is a question without an answer, for Canadian nationality has as yet no existence, and I propose to show in a few words that it were idle to speculate on what it may be, in the future. As yet we have not even the material on which to base a fair calculation.

Oftentimes you hear a young man or woman of Scottish descent say proudly, "I am not Scotch; I am a Canadian." On the same principle, that of birth, a young man born in Glasgow of Russian parents could say, "I am not a Russian; I am a simon pure Scot."