

mercantile interests and to obtain commercial ends by business alliances and associations with similar commercial interests in other provinces, and particularly in the Province of Ontario, the English business man of Montreal, refrains from entering into inconvenient controversies with his confrères of Ontario, adopts the "practical" course of curtailing his expressions of opinion on all questions of race, religion and language, and relies upon methods, such as I have above suggested, for the conservation of his business interests.

But while I think I have fairly described the attitude of the English-speaking business man of Montreal, it must not be overlooked that a large number of English residents in this city do have warm personal friendship with their French fellow-citizens, do read the French journals, do sympathize largely with their views and aspirations, and do espouse their cause on all opportune occasions, both in private and in public. It is true that they usually prefer to converse in private or to speak from public platforms in the English language, probably — imputing my own personal inclinations to others, — because their lingual attainments are so meagre, that they deem it rather unnecessarily humiliating to themselves, and obviously discourteous to their auditors, to exhibit their deficiencies of expression and ridiculous crudities of accent and intonation, in using, or rather misusing the French language, before audiences of cultivated French Canadians who have quite thoroughly mastered both languages.

Perhaps, after all, I have not helped matters in making these explanations, but I am more concerned, at present, to commend the frank expression by you of the views of the French Canadian people, which certainly enable us the better to see ourselves as others see us. This is Canada's growing time; and I recall certain physical distresses of my own youth which sympathetic parents were wont to describe as "growing-pains". No growing nation can escape like discomforts, and usually their existence and frank recognition are both symptomatic of increasing good health.

Yours faithfully,

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