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soul of a people. Friendships are not made by contract. They are the result of mutual attraction coupled with mutual confidence.

If instead of being scattered along a narrow strip 3,000 miles long, our population of 10,000,000 was living in a territory about the size of Ontario, we would understand each other very much better. We do not meet often enough, and our intercourse is sometimes marred by an apparent lack of consideration. We are apt to forget that, according to an old saying, flies are not attracted by vinegar.

Mutual respect will make less headway by speeches, magazine articles and newspaper editorials than if it were taught in the home, the school and the pulpit. What is the use of a French Canadian preaching bonne entente in public if he tells his children at home that Henry VIII was a scoundrel, the English dispersed the Acadians and hanged French Canadians in 1837? What is the use of an English-speaking Canadian making public demonstration of his friendship for his fellow French Canadian, if when taking his dinner with his family, he tells his sons and daughters that the Pope is Antichrist and French Canadians are an inferior element in the Dominion. Mutual understanding between us will only be brought about if we sincerely desire it. We must accept it as a basic principle or a guiding star in our existence. Unless we do--and I am speaking of all of us--there will always be a certain element of distrust between us. Our friendship should be warm, sincere and brotherly.

The game of politics has not always been played with the tact and diplomacy necessitated in a bilingual country. Most of our

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