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In this number of The McGill University Magazine our readers will find an article written by an Englishman in reply to two articles contributed to the Monthly Review by Mr. Bourassa, a well known member of the Canadian Parliament, and entitled *The French-Canadian in the British Empire*. The articles appeared in the September and October numbers of last year. On account of the strong and, to many Englishmen, novel light in which they present the aspirations of the people for whom Mr. Bourassa speaks, they seem to have been read widely and with much interest, and to have made the editor of the Monthly Review feel that a speedy reply was desirable. Accordingly, a portion of the November editorial grappled with the main bearings of the French-Canadian question on the Empire. Whatever may be said of his utterances on the platform, in the Monthly Review Mr. Bourassa addresses himself to his subject in a temper that its gravity demands, for although he presents his case with much vigour and in no spirit of compromise, he judiciously abstains from seasoning his language with expressions that repel rather than convince open minds. The article of Mr. Bourassa's opponent being of similar tone, we have not the slightest hesitation in printing it, especially when we reflect on the vital way in which the issues involved in the controversy bear on national and imperial progress and destiny. And we are reminded that the writer, after graduating at Oxford, began a tour through the Empire with a prolonged visit to McGill.

The educational attitude of Ontario towards other provinces was touched on in the December editorial. Some desire to modify