

It is no fallacy that a kingdom divided against itself cannot stand.

It is a fallacy to suppose that if the French-Canadians lost their language they would lose their religion. Ireland lost her language without losing her creed.

It is a fallacy to suppose that a common language ensures unity. England found Ireland Irish speaking and set herself to make the people English speaking. It took centuries to do it. Has it led to greater unity? Has a common language brought Ulster and Connaught together? In Switzerland there are three languages. Is there a more united people in Europe? In Belgium there are two languages. Has French inclined the people towards absorption by France, or Flemish led to division over resisting Germany?

It is a fallacy to suppose that everyone favoring a referendum is against selective conscription.

It is a fallacy to suppose Government by the people is a principle that can at any time be set aside for Government of the people without incurring penalties.

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More recently, Mr. Wade had the good luck to find outside Quebec Province people well disposed to chat on his favorite subject, and for some weeks a courteous exchange of views went on between Quebec and Toronto, as hereafter reported for the information of those who may not have had the advantage of following it in the original.