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responsibilities which this immigration has brought us. Now that we begin to encounter difficulties, it is simply childish to talk of deporting all the foreigners, or to blame these foreigners because they are not like English-speaking Canadians. Whether we relish the prospect or not, Canadians are not and cannot now be a homogeneous people. Whether or not they are to be a united people depends largely on the attitude of Canadians of the older stock, who are at present responsible for National leadership.

It would be as unwise as it would be futile to attempt to force all these immigrants into one mould. Some of us have never quite understood that the older Ontario type of Canadian, however admirable, has not been the only type of Canadian. If ever one type is evolved it will be catholic enough to incorporate in itself the best elements in the various peoples who are making Canada their home.

Each group has its own distinctive contribution to make. Treasures of literature, art, music, devotion, patriotism, idealism, industry, the heritage of the rich and varied civilization of Europe, may be brought to Canada—if only we are intelligent enough to appreciate their value and facilitate their transfer.

The conservation of our human resources is the task to which Canadian statesmanship should apply itself.