

by their chiefs, shall, perhaps, be the most terrible to those leaders in their awakening. They shall then understand all the extent and the horror of those crimes, in which their masters have rendered them accomplices. And upon those masters they shall revenge themselves, on that day when the British fleet shall have crumbled down the monstrous edifice of Prussian despotism.

Notes and Comments

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Down in my native Province of Manitoba they have been doing things of late, in the Halls of Legislation. Bilingual schools are being abolished, compulsory education is going on the statute book, a referendum vote is being taken on the temperance question, and women are given the franchise. A few years ago some of these items would have been looked on as revolutionary, and all of them deal with questions of great moment.

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Bilingualism in public schools has been and is a problem of much concern to politicians in several provinces. It has all come out of weak-kneed dealings with the Province of Quebec, which we were supposed to have conquered in 1759, but which on account of its solid vote has practically been in control of Dominion affairs ever since Confederation. On the other side of the International Boundary our cousins were wiser. States like Louisiana were about as French as Quebec, but Louisiana had to go into the American Union and accept the English language, the public school and the land tenure of the United States. None of these things were accepted by Quebec and the consequence has been incessant turmoil. The bilingual clause in the Schools Act of Manitoba provided that if there were ten children of French or other language than English in a school the teaching would be bilingual in that language and English. In some cases it might be German or Ruthenian or something else, but it all arose out of the demand for French. If this is to be a British country, let the schools be taught in the English tongue. Our people are reaching the limit of their patience and the incendiary speeches of Bourassa and Lavergne in the hour of the Empire's agony may lead to startling changes in the British North American Act, the Imperial Statute which is the Constitution of Canada.

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In giving the elective franchise to women, Manitoba is in large measure leading the procession in Canada and the other provinces will follow. In municipal affairs women who are property owners have had votes but there seems no good reason why men alone should have