

I do not deny that the French Canadians are slow in joining in with English-speaking Canada in many social movements. But you must remember that Canada is not a homogeneous country. Neither is the United Kingdom. The Dominion is a Confederation of Provinces. It was constituted as a compromise by a pact or convention between two elements. Each province was given autonomy in the most vital factor of its existence, viz, education. The Province of Quebec, with its little seminaires propagated a latin culture; the other Provinces cultivated the ideals of the United Kingdom. How could we expect unity with such a system? Yet, in spite of that great handicap, we have succeeded in settling many difficult questions and we can say that there is at present harmony in this country. We are gradually lessening the differences between Quebec and the other Provinces. Other schools than little seminaires have been opened. We now have in Quebec normal schools, industrial schools and a good system of public schools. Most of these are practically following the same programs as the English schools of the Dominion. The great advantage of knowing how to speak French seems to be appreciated in all the provinces. And there is an increase in the number of French Canadians who entertain friendly relations with the English-speaking Canadians.

This will continue. We are only at the beginning of a new era, and we must bend every effort to foster the new spirit if we want unity in Canada. Let us not be discouraged if progress is not achieved as speedily as we would like. The idiosyncracies of a race cannot be changed overnight. Treaties and statutes do not alter the