

the French population is to the British population as 6 is to 10; we mean throughout both the Canadas. If the morality of both populations was equal, the number of convicts of French origin would be to those of British origin as 12 is to 20; but it is not even in the proportion of 1 to 21.

But, perhaps, it will be observed, that the military should not be considered as forming part of the population of Canada, because they are here to-day and away to-morrow in some other portion of the Empire. Although this kind of reasoning appears defective to us, since it does not affect in the slightest our calculation, which has reference only to the morality of the two origins who inhabit in common the same country, we have no objection to deduct from the number of convicts the 1168 soldiers who were sent to the Penitentiary since the 1st of October, 1840. The grand total of non-military being 1177, and the number of convicts of French origin being only 110, it follows that the latter do not form over a tenth part of the whole. If the morality of both origins was the same, the number of convicts of French descent would be to those of British descent as 6 is to 10, whereas it is only as 1 is to 10½.

So far we have taken as our point of departure the collective population of both Provinces, placing on one side the whole population of British origin, and on the other the whole population of French origin; but, let us now compare them as they are found in Lower Canada alone.

The total number of convicts from Lower Canada, who have been sent to the Penitentiary since 1840, is 283, of which 170 are of British origin and 110 of French origin; but the population of British origin is to the other as 1 is to 3, at the very most. If the morality of both origins was the same, the number of convicts of French origin would be 525; whereas it is not over a fifth part of that. Therefore, the French Canadians are five times more moral than their compatriots of the other origin, inhabiting, like them, Lower Canada.

If the question of morality was the only one at stake, we might stop at this, for we have fully accomplished an act of justice towards a race which is sought to be annihilated, but whose virtues protect it in the sight of God. It is the work of that Catholicity which the sects would wish to destroy—it is the work of Catholicity, with its salutary teachings and unsleeping vigilance, searching into the folds of the human heart to nourish it with the balm which soothes moral sufferings and restrains brutal passions. If, we repeat again, the only question were that of comparing the morality of the two races, our task would be at an end; but there is by the side of this question of morality a question of money, which is the only one of any importance in the estimation of our pure *clear-grits*, and which, consequently, we cannot but appreciate.

The number of Upper Canada convicts is 894, while those of Lower Canada amount to only 283, although the population of Lower Canada, at least up to the present year, exceeded that of Upper Canada. The support of the Penitentiary since 1840, has cost £96,257 7s. 9d. In comparing the number of convicts belonging respectively to each section of the United Province, we find that Upper Canada has cost for the support of its portion the sum of £73,112 0s. 0d., while Lower Canada has only required for the same purpose £23,145 0s. 0d. That is to say, Upper Canada has cost in ten years £49,967 more than Lower Canada for the support of its convicts, or, at the rate of £5,000 a year. It will be seen that this sum is a sufficient equivalent for the salary of the ex-inspector of chimnies, to whom we alluded in the beginning of this article, and whose salary shall occupy a place in the annual budget until the death of the pensioner.

We have to remark, in concluding, to avoid all misunderstanding, that the military convicts are supported at the expense of the military chest, and consequently are not included in the foregoing calculation.

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In Pen. at Union	Total
1158 1094	1158 1094
74 1024	74 1024
153 153	153 153
1177 894	1177 894
283 173	283 173
1102192	1102192
1129	1129
796 637	796 637
159 102	159 102
57 1913	57 1913
333 323 5001	333 323 5001
102	102
400	400
1000	1000