

There are a number of possible answers to this. I'll give some that occur to me.

The first is: That is not the kind of people that we are. We Canadians have in the past made constructive contributions to world affairs, contributions which have been large for a country of our size and power. They are a part of our national heritage. We intend to continue to make constructive contributions to world affairs.

The great Irish poet, W.B. Yeats, was one of the representatives in the Senate of Ireland of the Protestant minority. He rose in the Senate of Ireland once to protest against legislation which he claimed was directed against his people, the 200,000 Southern Irish Protestants. "We", he said, "are no petty people. We are one of the great stocks of Europe. We are the people of Burke; we are the people of Grattan; we are the people of Swift; the people of Emmet, the people of Parnell. We have created the most of the modern literature of this country. We have created the best of its political intelligence."

Yeats spoke thus of a people who number less than one per cent of the population of Canada and