

And what justification is there for saying "that if the Minister had done otherwise he would have acted in an abnormal manner?" Did the Legislature of New Brunswick act "abnormally" in providing that the Canadian ensign must be flown on every school in that Province? Would it be abnormal to allow the flag, "which has come to be considered as the recognised flag of the Dominion, both ashore and afloat"—to use the words of Lord Stanley—to continue to fly from the flagstaves of our schools? If the Canadian ensign is the recognised flag, surely it would be normal rather than abnormal to continue to fly it? Unless there is something occult in the science of flag flying which we ordinary mortals cannot comprehend, I must confess that I can discover no force whatever in Mr. Walker's reasoning in this connection.

The reference to politics in Mr. Walker's letter seems quite uncalled for. As long as politicians govern us they are responsible for the government which we receive. I confess I would feel freer, if anything, in attacking a Liberal Government should it proscribe the Canadian flag. The question is one, however, of a national rather than a party nature, and he would be a degenerate indeed who would allow his party allegiance to displace his love of his country and his flag.

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