

its widest and most striking concrete aspect. Canada is a unit in terms of an Empire's constitutional law; and its disintegration can only be brought about by a breach of that constitutional law. A contemplated breach of that law is as near to being treason as an accredited citizen would care to go. And yet how often the passions for party reprisal indulges in an openly expressed demand for that and worse than that. Is there no penal remedy for this kind of treason, if it be treason?

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To suggest a penal remedy as a purging of our Canadianism of such unworthy conduct, call it by any other name than treason as we may, would hardly promote the national unity we are all longing for. A remedy for wrong-doing of this kind that bids for repentance has to be made to come from within if it would be a saving grace and not a breeder of ill-will. An experiment has already been made by sundry of our Canadian citizens to inaugurate a mission in favour of a Canadian National Unity. That experiment has been interrupted, and may possibly be interrupted again and again by those who would have it that Canadians ought to be politically afraid of one another and hence should be encouraged by a party press all the time, and by a parliamentary distrust the most of the time, and by an electioneering turmoil now and again, to look on one another as enemies and not as compatriots and friends. Surely Canada is old enough by this time to see that this is no way of getting any nearer a National Unity than it has been. But what can Canada do to provide a penal remedy against those who indulge in treason of this kind against a national intelligence already fifty years old? The only remedy against all such interruptions to the maturing of a wholesome national unity, lies with the individual Canadian who conscientiously believes in doing his duty towards his or her country as a loyal subject to a King and his Viceroy, and the Parliaments that have made us what we are as a nation.

