

the position in which the two races are placed -- the position of the French in Canada is paralleled by the position of the English in Quebec — tho' I recognize that their greater wealth makes a difference. — Be sure that we have got to get a'ong together and knowledge of one another is all that is required to do away with most of the friction — *If the teaching of both languages were made compulsory throughout the Dominion, a long step towards reconciliation would be made.* (20)

Do the clergy really wish the population generally to learn English? My impression is not — but I may be mistaken. (21)

In my opinion the greatest loss which the French Canadians will suffer by reason of their abstention from the war is the loss of self respect. They will also lose the broadening of character which comes of association in a great enterprise, and finally they will miss the deepening and ennobling of character which follows from a great sacrifice. I am sorry—sorry.

Forgive my long tale.

Yours faithfully,

GUSTAVUS G. STUART.

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DE M. STUART.

Quebec, 1 August, 1917.

Dear Mr. Roy :

I am in receipt of your letter of the 31st ult. for which I thank you. I should not have bothered you with another letter were it not that I feel I must explain and set matters right. One

(20) C'est moi qui souligne.

(21) M. Stuart est en effet sous une impression erronée. Notre clergé, depuis un quart de siècle surtout, et d'accord avec les parents qui le réclament, prêche et encourage de toutes façons l'enseignement de l'anglais — qui est obligatoire dans nos écoles.