

AS A PRACTICAL MATTER, BECAUSE OF THE GEOGRAPHIC MAKE-UP OF CANADA AND THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE TWO OFFICIAL LANGUAGE GROUPS, MOST ANGLOPHONES AND MOST FRANCOPHONES WILL NOT COME IN CONTACT WITH EACH OTHER ON A REGULAR BASIS. EACH CAN PURSUE THE FULL RANGE OF DAY-TO-DAY ACTIVITIES IN THEIR LANGUAGE OF REGULAR AND COMMON USAGE WITHOUT FEELING THREATENED BY THE OTHER OR BEING INCONVENIENCED IN ANY WAY. IT WILL BE GOOD IF THERE ARE MORE CONTACTS LEADING TO GREATER UNDERSTANDING, BUT THIS IS A MATTER OF CHOICE.

IT IS REASONABLE TO EXPECT, AGAIN AS A PRACTICAL MATTER, THAT IN AREAS WHERE ONE OR THE OTHER OF THE TWO LANGUAGES IS USED ALMOST EXCLUSIVELY, THAT WILL BE, OF NECESSITY, THE LANGUAGE OF WORK AND OF MOST SOCIAL AND CULTURAL COMMUNICATION.

IN ALL SUCH AREAS, WHILE IT IS IMPORTANT THAT BASIC SERVICES BE AVAILABLE IN THE OTHER LANGUAGE, FOR THE MINORITY AND THE TRAVELLING PUBLIC, THESE ARE RESPONSIVE SERVICES AND HAVE NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON THE RESIDENT MAJORITY IN A REGION. IN ALL SUCH CIRCUMSTANCES THERE IS NO LOGICAL ARGUMENT AGAINST THE PROVISION OF SERVICES IN THE APPROPRIATE OFFICIAL LANGUAGE.