

He says indeed but little on the subject, but in that little, the good sense that appears to have accompanied him in the former part of his letter, wholly abandons him. He considers the compulsion to speak nothing but English in the Assembly, as a trivial objection; for it does not deprive a member totally unacquainted with the English language of the right of voting, which is the main privilege of a legislator. The right of voting is only one of his main privileges, another, no less indisputable, is that of expressing his sentiments; but the main duty of a legislator, is not the mere giving of a vote, but the hearing, understanding, and weighing the reasons for his giving that vote. Else, a mere automaton, a puppet, (such probably as are wished for in the assembly, by the unionists,) would make as good a legislator, as any man, he might sit at home, and just as well send a card with yes or no, written upon it, as his vote. I should not have thought this worthy of the slightest reply, had it fallen from one of the common herd of declaimers, but Z. is of a different stamp, and will, I think, not be displeased with me, for pointing out the untenableness of his position, in that respect.

But say the other unionists, for Z. is but a lukewarm advocate for the change of languages; it is necessary for the glory of the empire, that the Canadian name, and nation should be melted down and amalgamated with the British, so as entirely to lose their distinction. So far from that, it is more conducive to the honour and glory of the king of England, and of the Imperial Parliament, that numerous nations and tongues seek the shelter of their protection, live under the egis of their impartial government, and prefer the blessings derived to them from the liberality and good faith of England, to any they possessed under the rule of their original sovereigns. The more different languages are spoken in those countries over which Great Britain bears sway, the greater her renown; and the greater praise will the future historian bestow upon that nation and government, who, with equal justice, and equal liberality, defended, protected, and maintained in their rights, French, Spanish, Maltese, Greek, Hindoo, Cingalese, subjects, without childishly interfering with their language or their habits. But where the shoe pinches, amongst the unionists, is, that they themselves generally are raw, uneducated, Scotch ignorants, who cannot spare sufficient time from their darling pursuit of amassing riches, even to study a language that their interest alone, if no other motive existed, ought to induce them to cultivate. It would be throwing pearls before swine, to speak to them, of French literature, and French writers, to talk of Montesquieu, and Bourdillon, of Helvetius and Feneloa, of Corneille, Racine, Moliere, and Boileau, of Voltaire, Rousseau, and Marmontel, or any other of the galaxy of luminaries, th