

but the door of admittance must be opened wide to our brethren beyond the ocean—to those toilers of the British Isles, whose surplus population yearly must find exit to some other land, where they become factors in building up the greatness of rival nations, or to a land where their strong hearts and arms shall but swell the bright domain of British power and civilization; remembering, as we should, that the possession of this land is the part value received by the taxpayers of the British Isles for what cost them in wars so many millions in money (represented to this day by a huge national debt) and many thousands of lives, but the immense value of which has been freely given to us.

In speaking of Canada as the heritage of Britons, a heritage by right of conquest, it is not intended to use the language or the fact of possession prejudicially towards other races who have or who may come and make Canada their home—the one condition alone (being fair and just and therefore incumbent on them, unless we are to regard them as vipers we are nursing to our own destruction) is that they be loyal to the Government and the Flag as the emblem of British power, and to neither possess or ask for any privilege which is not enjoyed by us all.

Having thus far spoken of the baneful influence of parties—of race and creed—and pointed out the fact of how bright and tempting a field Canada is for united and lofty patriotic purpose for all who dwell in it, it is more than painful to have to admit that we never can be a united people in feeling and sentiment so long as so large and influential a section, represented by the French race here, live and act as perfect aliens in everything towards the other races; a race that cannot and never will be able to assume the mastery over the other races here, but which has not the moral courage to recognize that fact, and, in consideration of the great blessings enjoyed in common with all of us under British rule, to adapt itself loyally, like other races who come here, to the Government of the land, speak and adopt one language and loyally commingle with the national and domestic life of the people, doing everything to further national unity. Such an attitude towards the rest of us, one in which as patriots first and secondly, taking the facts already named into account, would be one that no Frenchman need be ashamed of, as reason and common sense both dictate it, and nothing but the most rabid race and religious antipathies could attempt to justify any other course of action.

There is nothing inherent in the national characteristics of Frenchmen to make them other than a most valuable infusion into the national life of Canada, but on account of religion the commingling by marriage of the races is forbidden by the Roman church, or allowed only on terms which are an insult to any Protestant and parent of children—and except the religious ban on our good fellowship there is no barrier between French and other races except the prejudices of ignorance arising from a different language—but these prejudices are diligently cultivated and made use of and cultivated by that church for her exaltation and to further her dominant encroachment on the liberties of other races; and daily the French race by their isolation from other races, with the aid of our *Provincial* Parliaments, by their

language, religion, and race antipathies, are making us all to feel more and more that instead of their being a strength to our national unity they are our weakness and the greatest paralyzing influence to virtuous political action in our Government; for, holding the balance of power between party leaders, under the crafty scheming influence of ecclesiastical direction, they have been able to prefer successfully demands for their race and religion which should not be tolerated for an hour, and by virtue of which the *equality* of race and religion before the laws of the land had been violated, and every one turned into an opponent of their race and religion who may not be willing to submit to their domination. Daily this issue is being forced home to the minds of us all, so that *nolens volens* we are being forced into the struggle and a crisis of no mean kind is looming up in the not distant future, the outcome of which it will be difficult to predict.

The "Jesuit" question now agitating the public mind is only one of many, of more or less magnitude, which are the outcome of attempted or successful violations of our civil or religious liberties and of the race equality which is so necessary before the common laws to ensure national harmony. These questions of vital importance, party politicians play with as the interests of party dictate—everlastingly sitting on the fence awaiting popular breezes to capture the maximum of voting power.

Organizations, effectually managed, whether they be social, political, commercial or religious are the most powerful forms of human action; are recognized to be such, so that individual judgments are laughed at and ignored by political leaders under the direct voting pressure of powerful organizations.

The Roman Church is *the* French organization whether for race or religious purposes in Canada,—it is most effectually controlled and directed by the priesthood, and its voting power practically is solid as the Church directs, and it is this organization strategically disposed, some in Grit and some in Tory camps, some in the pulpit and some in the press, that is ruling Canada at this hour, and daily doing violence to the principles of civil and religious liberty and sentiments we cherish as Britons.

The remedy is in our own hands, and not one hour should be lost in organizing English, Scotch and Irish into a solid voting power to send men to Parliament pledged up to the hilt *to stand aloof from existing parties, to accept emoluments or office from neither party, and at all times to vote in solid body as his political allies shall by a majority decide in favor of certain principles* as distinguished from *men* in political matters.

The Order of the Sons of England should amplify its scope of action from the purely Benefit Society character of its present operations, so as to be able to give practical effect to the sound British principles of civil and religious liberty which are the foundation of the Order. As a race, the English are second only to the French in numbers, and each year immigration will reduce the disproportion until soon they will form the largest voting power in the Dominion, and there is every reason why, apart from all partyism, they should lead the van in the struggle to maintain and assert British power and civilization in Canada now so ser-