

PREFACE

held on May 23rd, 1910, between Bishop Fallon and the Hon. W. J. Hanna. The smoldering fire thus rekindled has been kept ablaze by the enactment of Regulation 17, the Ottawa school boycott, and the great debate in the Federal House in the spring of 1916. Indeed, the dispute threatens to strike at the very roots of our national charter. Confederation marked the victory of those who believed that people differing in language and religion could still work harmoniously together. The subsequent flocking of immigrants to our shores and across our southern border, a million of them unfamiliar with British institutions and either the English or the French language, could hardly have been regarded with complacency had it not been taken for granted that we had achieved national existence. At the present time the forces making for division seem to be prevailing. One hopeful sign, it is true, appears in the "Bonne Entente" movement. But exchanges of courtesy, valuable though they are in creating an atmosphere in which discussion is possible, will fail of effect unless they are accompanied by an earnest study by the public of the causes of difference.

Realizing the seriousness of the problem, East and West, and believing that much of our trouble has been caused by unfamiliarity with the plain facts of history and pedagogy, I have