

mediate result. *No ! the so called Reformation of Luther, Calvin, Knox and the Blue Beard Henry VIII was not a forward but a Reactionary Movement.*

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THE SPIRIT OF CONTEMPT

To the Editor of *The Gazette* :—

Sir. — In reading Mr. Phalen's excellent articles, it occurred to me that he should enlarge his field of observation, in which case he would find, as I did, the same spirit of contempt for other people as well as the French-Canadians exhibited in many other places as well as Canada by the same type of people. What exasperates French-Canadians in Canada and the Celtic natives of Ireland most is the idea that their case is peculiar. The same hostile attitude of contempt and disdain is exhibited by the same type of people everywhere — towards the Welsh south of the Tweed, to the Gaelic-speaking Highlanders of Scotland, to the Celtic people of Ireland and to the French-Canadians of Canada. It is the spirit of ignorance of a very common type of humanity. Such people know absolutely nothing of the spirit of chivalry. When French-Canadians take a philosophical view of the situation and understand the psychological condition of that type of mind, it will make quite a lot of difference. It is simply a type of contagious insanity.

Some years ago, a book was written which caused considerable excitement, called "The Unspeakable Scott." The author considered himself an Anglo-Saxon and the subjects of his particular satire, the Lowland Scotch, were as Anglo-Saxon as himself, or much more so.

In South Britain, they had a song : "Tabby was a Welshman, Tabby was a Thief" ; in Ireland it is Paddy and his pig, and Croppy He down. In Scotland, it is Donald the sheep stealer, and in Canada, it is "Jean Baptiste, the Pea Soup". So really French-Canadians have little to complain of in comparison to the rest of us. When French-Canadians, as I said before, realize that quite a lot of other people had to put up with the same sort of thing much longer than they had they will learn to ignore it more than they do at present and give such ignorant boorish people a fool's pardon.

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