

ceipt in French was mailed to my office, *the next day*. Is that what the "big business men" call "expedition in business", or "full consideration" for the "susceptibilities" of the French-Canadians?

It has taken years to bring the Bell Telephone Co. of Montreal to send accounts and notices in both languages. It is but the other day that a new exchange having been opened in the northern part of Montreal, all notices sent to the French subscribers were printed in English alone.

It is but in the last two or three years that the French in Ottawa, who are one third of the population, have succeeded in getting telephone operators to understand and speak French. On that basis, all telephone communications in Montreal, where all English-speaking people form between one-fourth and one-third of the population, should have been given in French alone. What would the "big business men" of Montreal think of it?

The French-Canadian, a "nuisance."

It is but this last autumn that our attention was called to the fact that the Canadian Pacific Railway Co. had been circulating all summer, at the Ghent Exhibition, in the midst of a semi-French community as Belgium is, a book containing the most grotesque references to the French-Canadians.

True, after the note of protest published in *Le Devoir*, the official in charge of the advertising department of the company — a very courteous gentleman, born and brought up in England, — immediately wired to London to stop the circulation of that absurd publication. But what is incredible is that such stuff could have been purchased and put into circulation by the C. P. R.

It is but this week that a gentleman high in authority here has received from London a clipping from an English paper, the *Cambridge Times*, which I have now on my table. It purports to be the verbatim reproduction of a letter written by one E. F. PAGE, said to occupy "an important position in the audit office of the Canadian Pacific Railway."

The letter covers two columns, small text. It contains a good deal of accurate information as to facts and figures, both as regards Canada in general and Montreal in particular. But of his French fellow-citizens this "official" of the C. P. R. has nothing to say beyond this short and sweet *appreciation*:

"More than half of the inhabitants [of Montreal] are French Canadian. They do not appear very progressive, and generally speaking, are a NUISANCE! Until one remembers these are not Parisians, you (or "one"? can wonder if the politeness of the Frenchman is a dead number.

That the French-Canadians in Montreal have lost a good deal of their simple and instructive refinement of old, I am fully prepared to admit, and to deplore. But when one compares them, class by class, to their equals in education or in so-called social rank, among the English community of Montreal, what one "wonders" is that there should