

M. NORRIS ET LES ORANGISTES

Fas est et ab hoste doceri. Nous avons dit dans notre dernier numéro que le gouvernement de Winnipeg avait supprimé la clause bilingue sous la pression des Orangistes. Nous avons cité à cet effet la résolution de l'Association Orangiste du Manitoba exigeant maintenant cette suppression. Voici que le journal officiel de la secte, *The Sentinel*, de Toronto, publie à ce sujet dans son numéro du 9 mars :

"It is less than two years since the Grand Lodge of British America put itself on record in opposition to the Roblin Government. Already the iniquitous Coldwell amendments have been repealed; a compulsory education act has been passed, and the bilingual clause of the Laurier-Greenway settlement has been eliminated.

"The first step toward the accomplishment of this splendid service was the declaration of the Orangemen of Canada that they would not surrender their principles to allow their party friends to buy the support of the Roman Catholics of Manitoba.

"In view of what has taken place since Hon. T. C. Norris became Premier, it is apparent that the Orange Grand Lodge acted with rare good judgement. It is clear also that in supporting Mr. Norris they were not leaning on a broken reed. He has fulfilled every pledge that he gave. Indeed, he has gone farther than his pledges. His school legislation of the present session stands out as a most courageous piece of legislation. . . .

"The Orangemen of Manitoba gave expression to their appreciation of the Norris Government in the most obtrusive way at their command when they sent a deputation to the Premier composed of members of the Grand Lodge. This frank acknowledgment of the splendid services of the Premier and his colleagues shows the non-partisan character of the Association. It was due to Mr. Norris. Therefore, it was the right and manly thing to do."

Voilà un langage clair et net, qui nous révèle les hautes inspirations de nos politiciens. Dociles valets des loges, ils ont foulé aux pieds des droits sacrés pour s'assurer l'appui d'une secte bruyante, l'outlaw historique de l'Empire, qui ne connaît ni la décence, ni la honte, ni l'esprit de justice ordinaire et dont la loyauté s'accommode de la violation du droit commun et même de la résistance à des actes du Parlement britannique revêtus de la signature royale.

Est-ce que le Canada va subir longtemps encore le joug odieux