

on by the granting of self government, decentralisation of power and Home Rule. Trust me, Brother Bill, half as much as your Mother-country has done, and everything will be O. K.

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For instance, in the matter of recruiting, do you consider that I have had fair play ?

Because there happen to be in this Province a few extremists who, as much out of hatred for France as for England, are discountenancing the patriotic movement, you have been told over and over again that the whole Province of Quebec was not only lukewarm, but decidedly hostile to our participation in the war. For over two years, most of the western press has been hurling insult and mud at the French Canadians, representing them as "slackers", calling them traitors, rebels, cowards, Hun imitators, unworthy of the right to vote and to share in the government of this country. Some went as far as making direct appeals to civil war. It was sowing poison in your mind, and at the same time exasperation in my heart.

Of course, the utter falseness of the above charges was shown up in the French press; but the articles in my defence had little echo in your surroundings, so that it may be assumed that you practically know only one side of the story.

Now, as I positively object to being tried, convicted and sentenced in my absence, *ex parte*