

Their whole political life was imbued with the same lofty sentiment which animated a British Governor when he elevated a common monument to the memory of two great soldiers, who nobly fought and died for their country, Wolfe and Montcalm. Their whole political life was devoted to teach the people that a spirit of compromise, of mutual forbearance, is indispensable to the Government of this country. Their whole political life was devoted to obtain, to maintain and to extend the principle of responsible government, which Papineau and his party repudiated and which the Liberal party have endeavored to destroy by foul means. Baldwin would never have raised the sham cry of French domination. He who had been received with open arms by the county of Rimouski when rejected by his old supporters.—Baldwin would never have aroused the prejudices of the people to reign thereby. No, he was too much the friend of truth, the friend of liberty, the friend of good government to assume the role of a demagogue. He had learned to appreciate the virtues of our race, and he knew that if they could be combined with the sterling qualities of the English-speaking race, we could stamp this half of a continent with the best features of the greatest peoples in the world. If the voice of the great Reformer could again resound in our Legislative Assemblies, it would be to denounce the Reform party as degenerated, as a party who has nothing to reform; to denounce the enemies of our country, those agitators, those demagogues who, regardless of consequences, under the false name of Liberals, are endeavoring to undermine, to destroy his noble work of the union of the various races which inhabit our young Dominion—a union which, I am proud to say, the Conservative party is still prosecuting with an undiminished vigor, under the safe guidance of its illustrious leader—a union which you will admit, Mr. Speaker, is necessary, is indispensable, if Canada is to become, what should be our common aim, our common ambition, a great, a glorious and a free country.