

Hon. R. L. Borden's political manifesto,

Sept. 18th, 1911:

"The same spirit animates Canada to-day as that which inspired the men who founded this Confederation. That spirit is one of faith in our country, our institutions and ourselves. . . . It falls equally to the sons of British pioneers and loyalists and on those Canadians of French descent to whose ancestors we owe a debt of deep gratitude for the loyal valor which preserved Canada to the British Crown. The sons of these valiant defenders of our soil profoundly realize that Britain's flag secures for them to-day *rights and privileges which they justly hold most dear.* . . ."

The Right Honorable Sir Wilfrid Laurier,

Ottawa, January 19th, 1910, at the civic reception to the First Congress of French-Canadians of Ontario:

"It does not suffice that the French Canadian children of Ontario learn their maternal tongue on their mother's knees; they must be enabled to learn it in the school. In the Province of Quebec, where we have the majority, we grant to other races rights that we claim for us in Ontario. . . ."

"The Congress must continue the work they have so well begun; seek the maintenance and improvement of the bilingual schools, where the French-Canadians can learn and preserve their beautiful French language as the most precious of treasures. . . ."

Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Premier of Canada,

January 20th, 1910:

"We ask nothing that we, French-Canadians, are not ready to grant to others. What the French-Canadian race claims for itself it concedes to its neighbors. . . ."

"We want the French language respected in Ontario just as we grant, in Quebec, complete liberty to all the elements inhabiting the Province. . . ."

"Our work is not a work of invasion, but the simple maintenance of a primitive treasure."

Honorable Rodolphe Lemieux, Postmaster General,

January 19th, 1910:

"French-Canadians, you are at home in Ontario as you are at home in any province of Canada. . . ."

"French language in Ontario must not be a cause for isolation; it would not be a good policy neither for Ontario nor for Quebec. With diversity of faith and language, it is possible to live in perfect harmony."

The Honorable Doctor O. Réaume,

Minister of Public Works, Toronto, speech delivered in Hawkesbury, 4th December, 1911: