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TO begin with, in Canada French is not a foreign language, but is one of the two official ones. Parliamentary papers, government documents, railroad tickets, etc., are in some sections of the country printed in both English and French.

This is not a new condition, but one which dates back to the days when these parts of Canada first became British.

Take the Province of Quebec, for instance. This portion of Canada is sometimes called "French Canada" for the simple reason that French is the official and almost universal language used throughout the province. To be true, in Montreal and Quebec, the two leading cities, English is spoken to quite an extent, but then Montreal is the commercial metropolis of Canada, and is the fourth largest French city in the world, which fact may come as a surprise to some of our readers. Montreal has a population of al-