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Sir: In the issue of January 11, under the heading "Rebels or Not," the question is propounded as to why the Canadian volunteers in Spain chose the name Mackenzie-Papineau for their battalion.

If the writer had delved a little more into Canadian history, he would have discovered that William Lyon Mackenzie led the Democratic forces in Upper Canada and Papineau did the same for Lower Canada against the reactionaries of their period. Although they were called rebels, their cause was for democracy, as is the present cause of the loyalists in Spain.

William Lyon Mackenzie failed at the time, but his struggle led to the fall of the Family Compact and to democratic rule in Canada.
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● King, Rt. Hon. William Lyon Mackenzie (MG
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