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French counties often elect English-speaking members for the House of Commons. At present Mr. Howard sits for Sherbrooke, which has become a prosperous French city. Sir George Perley represents Argenteuil in Parliament.

The Conservatives never could defeat the late Hon. James Robb in Chateauguay-Huntingdon county. In Beauharnois, George Loy, an English Protestant, was elected several times against a French Canadian. The electors would not allow the candidates' racial origin to be discussed in public meetings. If there had not been in those counties any French Canadian capable of sitting in Parliament, we might say that the elections of Mr. Robb and Mr. Loy did not prove our friendship for English people. But there were then, and there are now, many educated French Canadians in those two counties. The majority of the electors trusted these English candidates and that settled the cases.

A by-election was held two weeks ago in Huntingdon where the Liberal candidate, Mr. Scott, newly appointed Provincial Treasurer, asked to be elected in order to represent the Protestant element in the Cabinet. The majority of French Canadians, realizing that the Protestants should have a Minister in the Provincial Government, voted for him, but he was defeated because the Protestant electors voted against him. After his defeat Mr. Scott was kept in the cabinet as a Minister without portfolio and given a seat in the Legislative Council. A more striking example of our desire to hold a friendly intercourse with English-speaking people could not be found.