

Queen Victoria is still upon the throne of England and not a single Nationalist, to my knowledge, has yet conspired with her European enemies to dethrone her. The King of Prussia is dead, I admit, but I beg of you to believe that the Nationalists of this Province are not at all to blame for an event which is a subject of mourning to the German race all over the world.

The English language is still spoken, with talent and success, in the Legislature and Courts of Justice ; Protestant churches and Protestant schools are still open ; in their churches distinguished ministers still eloquently preach the doctrines which constitute their religious belief, and in the schools Protestant children still learn to venerate the faith of their fathers and to love the glorious Queen who has reigned over us for the last fifty years, enshrined in the affections of 200 millions of subjects. We have here to-night seated around this table distinguished men of different races and creeds, who have come from all parts of Canada to testify by their presence to the intelligent harmony which reigns in our midst and to the desire which we all cherish to live in peace on this free soil of America, forgetful of the sanguinary battles of the past, and laboring, shoulder to shoulder, to create a great Canadian nationality. It has been reproached against me that when forming my Government, I did not give a portfolio to an English Protestant ; those who thus reproach me are the very men who so well succeeded in fomenting prejudices, in the hearts of their coreligionists, as to persuade the electors of the Eastern Townships not to send a single member from their midst to support us in Parliament and those of Montreal West to reject the only Liberal Protestant whom the metropolis was in the habit of returning to Parliament.

Under such circumstances, we may well, it seems to me, characterize as hypocritical and fraudulent the jereimiads of certain Protestant newspapers, whose owners were more depressed by the loss of patronage of which our success deprived them than grieved at the pretended injustice done to those of their race. For it must not be forgotten that the gentlemen of the *Gazette*, for instance, are more attached to their jobs than to their Protestant faith and that they would willingly sacrifice Luther, Calvin and even William of Orange in return for the fat contracts which Messrs Ross and Taillon were wont so generously to award them.

Let Protestants therefore relieve their minds : the Messrs White, of the *Gazette*,