

thinks he has fairly demonstrated. Who can honestly deny that the timber and water power grants, for instance, are of great National import? The province owns and manages three-fourths of the total area of the public lands in Canada. If that estate is squandered, if no steps are taken to make it the inalienable and the best revenue-producing property of the state, what ground will you build the nation upon? That there cannot be any racial side to the debate at Quebec since seven-eighths of the Legislature are French and the Nationalists are strong partisans of minority rights, should also strike any intelligent journalist. The Nationalists have selected Quebec as their first battleground precisely because they hoped that hostility would no longer hamper their working for the future greatness of Canada; also because experience had taught them the necessity of educating the people to self-government in the smaller sphere first; and thirdly, because they thought that placing the French Province of Quebec at the head of Canadian progress should allay the prejudices entertained against the French-Canadian as a citizen. Yet, from the start, the English papers of Quebec have shown a sad inability or a still sadder unwillingness to understand some of the questions at issue—which they regarded, or feigned to regard, as small municipal affairs.

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Almost to a man, the English-speaking journalists—some of them through candid ignorance, and others for less creditable reasons,—have taken up the cleverly mendacious argument of the Treasury-looters' and National-bleeders' army, that the Nationalists are raising side