

the least of it. But I must close, no matter how inviting the theme. We have just attained our majority. The long days and years of a nascent childhood are now behind us. We exercise as a Province jurisdiction over 2,000,000 of people—as a Dominion over 5,000,000. Our natural heritage covers the northern half of this great Continent. Although not racially a homogeneous people, our population represents, in its three predominant elements, the Saxon, French, and German—the dominant nations of the world. Constitutionally we are a unit. Why should we not be one in spirit, in sentiment and everything that

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Why should the prejudices of centuries ago be appealed to to determine the actions of to-day ? Why should the bitterness and narrowness of the past be invoked as the standard for the present ? Shall it be said that citizenship in its broadest sense and with all its most valued privileges is to be enjoyed in England, in Germany, in France, in the United States, but not in Canada ? It cannot be. (Cheers.) This land of great lakes and wide prairies and overshadowing forests shall not be stunted in its growth by sectionalism, nor broken into fragments by internal jealousies, if it lies in my power or in the power of the Liberal party to prevent it. (Cheers.) The policy which I have outlined shall be carried out in its integrity. We shall not be terrorised by violent agitators nor deterred by timid or irresolute allies. (Loud applause.) We shall move as deliberately and yet as quickly as the interests involved may justify. We are confident that the people of Ontario prefer the counsel of reason and prudence to the voice of passion or prejudice. The honesty of purpose already evinced will be taken as an earnest of what is yet to be shown. On these lines we shall appeal to the people of Ontario when the proper time arrives, and will await their verdict as calmly as the "man who wraps the drapery of his couch around him and lies down to pleasant dreams." (The honorable gentleman retired to his seat amid long continued cheers.)

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