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An Answer to The Freeman.

We translate from the Bathurst "Courrier" the following article which was written in answer to an editorial on the "Reviscence of Acadia" which appeared in the "Freeman," of St. John, on the 25th of last month.

A DISCORDANT VOICE.

THE "FREEMAN" OF ST. JOHN AND THE ACADIAN "RENAISSANCE."

All the newspapers of the Dominion, all the English journals of the Maritime Province, setting aside party distinctions, moved by a just and generous conception of political and religious liberty, and by the respect due to the different races and nationalities which form the population of Canada, had united to exalt the virtues of the Acadian people; and, with a common accord, had testified to the Acadian leaders their sincere appreciation of their manly courage and their noble patriotism so richly imbued with loyalty towards all.

All Canada represented at this national reunion held at the eastern extremity of the country, English, Scotch, Irish, as well as French-Canadians, had respectfully saluted the Acadian chiefs, with the intimate perception of a rising power which must soon extend its beneficial influence over the whole country by its co-operation in the development of British civilization and the spirit of Christian fraternity.

The great statesman of the country, the Prime Minister, whose broadness of mind is so well recognized and appreciated throughout the British Empire, was there to encourage the chiefs of this long abandoned people by his presence and his eloquence. Hundreds of French-Canadians from the different parts of the province of Quebec had come to show their sympathy for the Acadian people in their efforts to conquer the position which they should occupy on the national theatre. Irish and Scotch priests were there to express in the most sympathetic language their appreciation of the intelligence developed in this national organization, and to encourage them by their good advice. We no longer expected any words of censure when, on the 25th of last month, a discordant voice was heard, the voice which, it seems to us, should have the most loyally exalted the courage of the Acadians in their exertions for existence, happy as our contemporary should be to live side by side with us in a community of religious faith, on ground which, (to use an expression of one of his countrymen), is ours, on which he was driven by persecution, and which we have kept in spite of persecution.

The "Freeman" contrasts in a disdainful tone the resignation of the old Acadians with the activity, the aggression, the tenacity of the Acadians of to-day, and their resoluteness in refusing to be contented with a part only of what they consider their birth-right. He attributes this progress in the Acadian character to the Anglo-Saxon under which they have lived for over a century.

In order to avoid all accusations of inaccuracy, we quote the words of our confrère: "In this he (the Acadian) shows the effect of the Anglo-Saxon environment, and in this he is a product unproduced under the regime which the English conquest of Acadia put an end to forever. He has thus been improved upon in spite of himself."

These words are a flagrant perversion of history. If the Acadian people had remained bent under the Anglo-Saxon yoke laid upon them by Lawrence and his accomplices, they would have ceased to exist long ago. Does our friend of the "Freeman" refuse to take into account the immense services of Abbé Sigogne, whose achievements form one of the most beautiful pages of the history of the resurrection of Acadia? Does he refuse to take into account the services of the many missionaries who succeeded this "Father of the Country" in the distribution of inestimable benefits? Will he not consider the work of Father Lefèvre who formed the chiefs of to-day? All that the Acadian

race owes to the Anglo-Saxon influence is exercise in the art of struggling for its rights.

The "Freeman," in spite of the testimony of the most honest and the best informed historians of every nationality, sees in the history of Acadia a series of facts worthy only of the contempt of the present generation, and tries to ridicule our efforts to commemorate the events of 1775.

He qualifies as stupid the conduct of our chiefs and of the most distinguished citizens of every nationality who cooperated to enhance the brilliancy of our national feast, from Sir Wilfrid Laurier and the Hon. Mr. Murray down to the humble peasant who left his field to go to have his patriotism strengthened by the eloquence of the best English and French orators of the country.

In order to give a more accurate idea of the meaning of our contemporary, we quote him again: "If they put their own interpretation on history, or better, if they lose sight of history altogether, and exult in what others believe they should spurn and condemn, that, we suppose, is their own affair; and the greater world around them can afford placidly to look on and enjoy the sight—yet there can be no enjoyment where men are seen to stultify themselves."

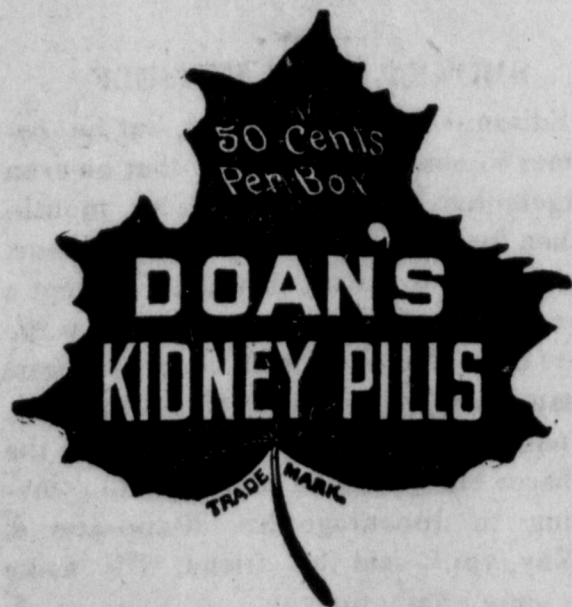
Our confrère regrets the spirit of nationality which exists among the French, and considers it a danger and an obstacle to national growth. "We do not blame their ambition," says he, "it appears to them praiseworthy and right. But we regret it. We regret it because as long as this spirit of nationality is fostered and kept alive among us, just so long will there be disunion and stoppage of real national growth."

Further on he says: "Alread we hear the boast that eventually this country must become French because of the productivity of French families." He also alludes to the utterances of Mr. Tarte in Paris, which he describes as suicidal. "It is worse," says he, "it is mad folly!"

Nevertheless our contemporary wishes to be understood, and after having qualified our patriotic reunions as "stultifying," he adds that he does not object to the election of the Acadian race. He believes that we have a right to be acknowledged in all the walks and conditions of life. But he begs us, for our future welfare, "not to coquet with the enticing illusion of French renaissance, and not to entertain the hope that this country will one day be handed to the French of our ancestors."

To appease his fears as to the future, our confrère will kindly permit us to refresh his memory with some historical facts which will never be forgotten, heroic actions which find their sole explanation in the sublimeness of a loyalty that can only be found in British French-Canadians, encouraged and sustained as they were in their unprecedented heroism by the prayers of their priests and their bishops.

Our friend of the Freeman, in his love for the British crown, will please remember that it was the French-Canadians who saved Canada to England in 1776, when Lafayette attempted to persuade his former compatriots to join the army of Washington. Lafayette then realized, to his great astonishment, that the loyal utterances of the French Canadian priests and bishops had more weight than his own prestige and his enticing offers. And when, at the refusal of the French in Canada to join Lafayette, the Americans sent Montgomery, an Irishman and a British subject, to reduce them, he was met by the bullets of French Canadian sentinels and lost his life in his audacious attempt to scale the walls of Quebec. Canada was thus saved to England.



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We take the liberty to recall the chivalrous strategy of Colonel de Salaberry who, in 1812, after the English armies and vessels had been defeated by the Americans, did, with 300 French-Canadians, repulse a large American army, and thus saved Canada once more to England.

And when, recently, the Fenians attempted an invasion of Canada, the French-Canadians rushed promptly to the front to beat back the enemies of the British crown.

Our confrère can rest assured that the same sentiment of loyalty exists among us to-day.

We seek neither discord nor dissension; on the contrary we only wish to see harmony prevail between the different races which form the population of our country: French, English, Scotch and Irish. The address of the convention, read by the Honorable Senator Poirier, was filled with the most generous sentiments towards all. We publish it on our first page and we hope that it will be read by all our English fellow citizens both Catholic and Protestant. We also publish in this number the resolutions of the Convention, and we request the Freeman to let us know whether a single one of them expresses any sentiments contrary to British interests, or to the interests of the other races which form part of the population of Canada.

Our confrère notes with apparent apprehension the fecundity of the French woman of Canada. If there be anything extraordinary or providential in the fecundity of the Acadian woman, our friend should bow before the will of God and the morality of our people.

We will add that if the French population should ever become a power in Canada, it would be for the good of the British crown, and the honor and glory of the English flag which we all honor, respect and love. Far from seeking to lord it over the other nationalities, the French of Quebec, of the Maritime Provinces, and of the West, will always strive to lend a helping hand to their fellow citizens.

If the Irish of this country should ever assemble in a convention to bring about the re-establishment of their national tongue, there is not one Frenchman, Canadian or Acadian, from Cape Breton to the Pacific, who would not join in their laudable effort. Our orators would find in it a fertile source of eloquence. Our bard would find in it a rich theme of noble inspirations, and their lyres would sing the virtues of a people who have suffered persecution for a faith which is also ours, and who now live side by side with us in a land where they enjoy the same religious and civil liberty.

Far different from that of the Freeman is the portrait which Bishop Ireland drew of France in a speech recently pronounced in Paris. We here quote a part of this speech which we submit to the study and edification of our contemporary.

Bishop Ireland says: "There is a land which is, more than any other, the land of chivalrous sentiments, noble inspirations, generous sacrifices, and devotion to the ideal. There, nature itself seems to fit all souls for the love of the good and true. When called to the defence of a noble principle, her sons cast themselves instinctively into the arena, determined, come what may, to struggle for its triumph. The pages of her history are bright with the names of heroes and martyrs of magnanimous soldiers and missionaries. I am speaking of France."

With such a testimony to the virtues of our ancestors, coming from so brilliant an authority, the French-Canadians can sleep in peace from time to time, in spite of the insinuations of the Freeman, and gather new strength for their work of regeneration, of progress and of harmony on the continent of America.

ON AN INSPECTION TOUR.

The following circular-letter printed by command of Major General Wood of the United States, speaks for itself:

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Roars of laughter came from the students.

"Genesis is not so old as you suppose," continued the professor.

More roars—so long continued, indeed, that the worthy man had time to think before he made the next remark. He said timidly—and he managed to hit the mark this time:

"I may not be thinking of the same Genesis as you are!"

A Hopeless Case.

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The Junior Partner—Really?

"It looks that way. His office is in the second floor of his place, you know, and he threw our last collector out of the window, where the man fell through an awning, you remember."

"Yes."

"Now he sends a claim for the damage to the awning."—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Laughed Till He Cried.

"Papa fell over my express wagon this morning," said Willie. "My, it was funny. I laughed till I cried."

"Did yer?" said Tommy.

"Yes," replied Willie. "Papa caught me laughing."—Philadelphia Record.

Athos, a small town on the coast of Macedonia, may not inaptly be termed "The Bachelors' Paradise," as no woman is to be seen anywhere in the place.

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