

Now Is the Time

The dangerous development of foreign opinion in Manitoba and the other provinces in the West, leads to the one conclusion, that if Canada is to be a Canadian country, the time to begin undoing the mischief wrought by such politicians as were recently in control in this province, and their seconders and abettors in both governments at Ottawa, whose only thought was for the votes of rapidly-enfranchised aliens, IS NOW.

The Norris Government has an opportunity to perform a wonderful service for Canada. It stands today for the new spirit, the Canadian spirit, as opposed to the miserable, reactionary, subservient truckling to anti-Canadian sentiment that characterized the reign of the Roblin Government.

The Norris Government, first and last, must stand for ideal Canadianism; freedom for every child; a freedom that rears the child to look to Canada as his or her Dominion within a British Empire. To this end every child must be taught the English language, admiration and respect for British-Canadian institutions, and absolute loyalty to the State.

There are those who advocate half measures. Even now, there are those close to the Norris Government who suggest nibbling at the unjust laws on the statute books. This is poor encouragement for the new government. The real friends of the Government, and, far more important, the friends of Manitoba and the Dominion, are the men who advocate thorough reform. There is nothing harsh in declaring that this is a British-Canadian province, and that the laws thereof shall be uncompromisingly British. Anything short of such a declaration will fail.

Bluntly speaking, we do not want little Austrias, or Russias, or a Germany or a Poland raised up in Manitoba. Sectionalism—or nationalism of a dangerous type—was too long encouraged by a very dangerous government. The Roblin Government did far worse for this province than permitting the theft of millions of dollars. For the sake of votes, for a day, it undermined Canadianism.

Right-about-face, and a steady march forward in Canadianizing the foreign children of this province, now here, and to come, is the only sound Canadian policy in sight for the Norris Government.

Nothing will be gained by delay. All reactionary legislation should be wiped off the statute books of this province.