

The Duty of the Legislators

To the Editor of The Tribune:—

Sir:—Thank you for your wholesome articles on bi-lingualism.

Manitoba has sent to the front thousands of young men of British birth and many hundreds of these cannot return. Many of those who remain behind are non-British and some are aliens and even enemies of Britain.

There are thousands in the prairie provinces who call themselves Canadians, but who are anti-British.

Are our young loyalists in France and Belgium to give their lives in order that a country shall be preserved for the non-British?

Isn't it the first duty of every loyal Canadian to say that whatever else happens this country must remain British?

Canadian and British are the same and we refuse at any one's bidding to make a distinction.

I have heard that there is some wobbling among members of the government on this question. Let me say that the country will not stand for it if, when soldiers are dying for Britain the legislators are doing their best to make their province non-British in sentiment and speech.

There is only one speech that a British province can afford to teach in its schools, under statute, and that is the speech of England.

Every legislator should be able to look twenty-five years ahead in this matter.

The man who studies what has taken place in the past will give little value to the argument that time will work a cure. It will certainly not do so if bi-lingualism is winked at.

If some of our legislators lack loyalty and foresight let them give way to others.

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