

# THE CITIZEN'S RIGHTS

To the Editor *Le Devoir*,

Sir,

It is quite evident from recent articles in your paper that you are bound to make trouble for yourself. Ninety-five per cent of the people of Montreal, French and English as well as Italians, are of the opinion that you ought to be at Spirit Lake along with the Austrians and Germans and if you keep on your paper will be prohibited from being published, as the real cause of the disturbance of the peace.

You have the right to discuss the school and language questions, but you have no right, during war time, to espouse the cause of the enemy.

As for me, I see in this war the beginning of the downfall of Christianity, both Catholic and Protestant, in Western Europe, and that is the only redeeming feature of this infernal war. You are not a Nationalist in the true sense of the word at all. We know your motives. You are an enemy of France and an out and out Papist and ultramontane. That is the public opinion about you and the public opinion also is that the Italians adopted the only method that you are capable of understanding to bring you to your senses. If the Church accepts you as the exponent of its principles, so much the worse for the Church.

If you keep on, you will be the cause of far worse riots than the one last Thursday night and it may very likely end in bloodshed and you may think that still you are advocating the cause of what you call the Prince of Peace. There never was peace in Europe since the unfortunate day that this delusion first afflicted the people, and there never will be peace as long as so many people are infatuated with this delusion.

As for me who do not believe in any form of Christianity, I rejoice to see yourself and the Methodists at war; only the Methodists have sense enough to know which is the safe side to take during the war. Keep at it, is the fervent wish of a sincere Voltairean.

Norman MURRAY.

NOTE. — Cette pièce est intéressante comme révélation d'un état d'esprit. M. Norman Murray, qui se vante d'être antichrétien et qui se croit un esprit libre, trouve à peu près juste qu'on nous empêche par la violence, non point, comme il le prétend, de prendre le parti de l'ennemi, mais de constater un fait de politique internationale. Le même M. Murray réclame le droit d'insulter librement aux plus chères croyances des neuf-dixièmes de ses compatriotes. Sa lettre même était accompagnée de tout un stock de littérature antichrétienne et d'annonces de conférences du même caractère.

C'est un bel exemple de logique.