

Bonjour Mr. Prime Minister,

As a fellow French Canadian, I hope to have your support when we discuss the future of Canada and it's relationship to Britain.

It's no secret that I am sick of British influence in this country and within this government. I do not feel like it is wise to cozy up to Britain if you want to ensure peace in Quebec. I suggest picking a new flag for Canada and getting rid of the 'Union Jack' (British flag). I would also suggest that you make Canada officially bilingual so that French Canadians can participate more in government decisions and business.

Canadians should be concerned with Canada first, and Britain later. Our countries are thousands of kilometers apart so why does a British Queen still need to control our decisions? I am a Canadian first and foremost. I do not consider myself a British citizen.

I also do not want to develop a closer relationship with the United States. They are a strong country now, but perhaps they would also limit the rights and opportunities of French Canadians if they were in control. Canada can be strong and act by itself, and alone as Canadians we will succeed

If Britain asks us to send troops to the Boer War to fight for the Empire, please tell the Queen to go take a hike. Britain should look after itself. I can not accept that young, proud French Canadian boys would be sent across the world to fight for an Empire that doesn't respect them.

Canada can stand alone and proud. We can keep our strong relationships, but we need to look out for ourselves first and embrace independence.

Merci,

Henri Bourassa

Montreal, Quebec

Dear Mr. Prime Minister,

I write you today with one plea; to unite with the United States of America.

Yes it is true that I grew up in Britain, but before I came to Canada I spent a couple years in America and I believe it is the best country to partner with. I firmly believe that Canada must break it's former ties to the British Empire. In America, most citizens have the right to vote and do as they choose. They also are not focused on building massive militaries like there are in Britain, and don't have a Queen to dictate all the rules. Americans get to make their own rules by voting!

For hundreds of years, Britains and other Europeans have been fighting against each other for various reasons. I'm sick of the nonsense and I do not think Canada should be forced into any war just to support Britain. War is a terrible thing and the warring countries of Europe should be ignored by Canada.

Canada is now joined from coast to coast by our railroads, and we should continue connecting with our neighbours to the south, the U.S.A. It is a powerful country and can be a good future trading partner and friend. Perhaps Canada could get lucky, and the power of America could overwhelm the French culture in Quebec. We could use less French people in Canada.

I consider myself a citizen of this continent; North America. Although I used to call myself British, I do not anymore. Britain is a sad old beast.

Sir, I ask that you do what is best for the country and grow our relationship with America. Leave Britain and it's problems in the dust.

Kind regards,

Goldwin Smith      Toronto, ON

Dear Mr Prime Minister,

Although I respect the fact that you want to compromise with those people in Canada who do not share our pro-British roots, I must insist that you embrace our common Queen; Queen Victoria of Britain

British blood runs in the veins of many Canadians, and we must acknowledge the greatness of our protector, the Queen and the British Commonwealth.

To honour Britain, I will create a school holiday known as Empire Day to honour our British heritage. The purpose of this will be to encourage closer ties to Britain, and to develop special economic trade relationships with the Empire. I believe this is necessary to balance the growing power and influence of the United States to our south, who may try to take over Canada again someday. Remember the War of 1812? Thankfully we pushed the Americans back.

As a Canadian who is loyal to Britain, I see myself as a British citizen. Because Britain benefits us in many ways, I think it is necessary for Canada to give tax money and soldiers to Britain when they ask for it. If Britain wants to send Canadian troops to fight for the Empire in the Boer War, I say send as many Canadian lads as possible to support the war effort.

Sadly, I do not see myself compromising on this issue.

Best,

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