



The Quiet Revolution of Quebec

Why is language so important?

Why are symbols so important?



Even though Elizabeth II was in Quebec as “Queen of Canada” (separate from her role as “Queen of the United Kingdom”) how was she portrayed in 1964?



The Queen



The Canadian Parliament

Charles de Gaulle visits Quebec, 1967



Who am I?

Speech made by Charles de Gaulle at the Montreal City Hall:

It is a great emotion that fills my heart to see before me the French city of Montréal!

In the name of the old country, in the name of France, I salute you! I salute you with all my heart!

I would tell you a secret that you cannot repeat. Here this evening, and all the length of my trip, I found myself in the same sense of atmosphere as the Liberation! And all the length of my trip, in addition, I have noticed what immense efforts of progress, of development, and consequently of empowerment that you have accomplished here, and that it is to Montréal that I must give this statement, because, if there is a city in the world exemplary of modern success, it is yours! I say it is yours, and I permit myself to say, it is ours!

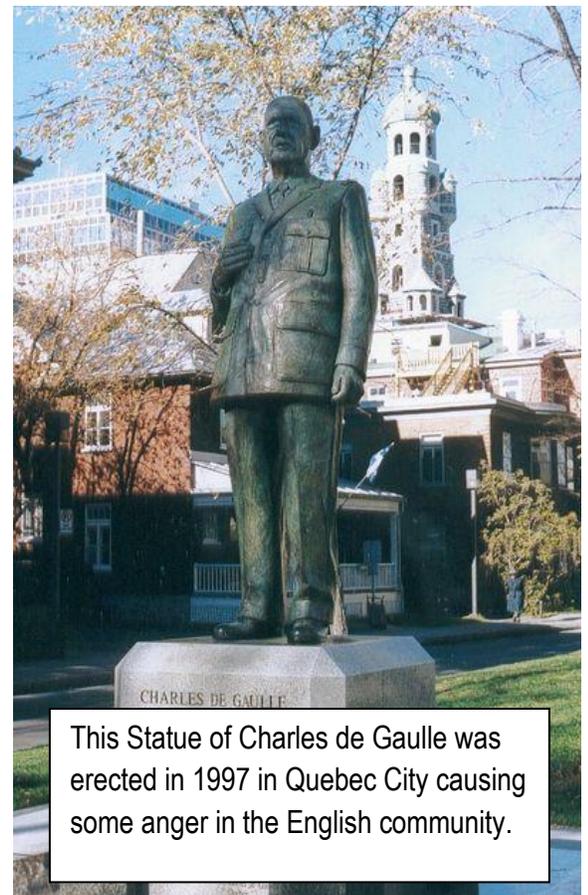
If you knew what confidence France, waking up after immense troubles, now carries for you, if you knew what affection she has started to feel again for the Frenchmen of Canada, and if you knew to what point she feels obliged to further your march that is before you, to your progress.

It's why she has finalised with the Government of Quebec, with my friend Johnson here, the agreements for which the French on this side and the other of the Atlantic can work together towards the same French undertaking. And, of course, the aid that France brings here, each day a little more, she knows well that you will reciprocate because you are building the best factories, enterprises, laboratories, which will be an astonishment for all, and which, one day, I know you will allow to aid France.

This is what I have come this evening to say, and that I will bring back from this unforgettable Montréal reunion, an unforgettable souvenir! The entirety of France knows, sees, hears that which is happening here, and I would tell you, she is better for it!

*Long live Montreal!
Long live Quebec!
Long live free Quebec!*

*Long live, long live... long live French Canada!
And long live France!*



This Statue of Charles de Gaulle was erected in 1997 in Quebec City causing some anger in the English community.

Why would this speech upset the Canadian Government?