The English Fact in Quebec

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The essays in this book, which won the 1979 Governor-General’s Award for non-fiction in its French edition, deal with a wide range of English-French encounters to explain how they have influenced the political and economic growth of Canada. The authors also attempt to pinpoint the changes in Canadian society that have caused the resurgence of English-French animosity in recent years. Among the topics explored are divergent opinions on the role of the economy, the language conflict, the clash between English business and French nationalism, the mediation of the federal Liberal party, and individual versus collective rights.

Within Quebec, the book looks at the rise of the Quebec bureaucracy and the end of the two solitudes, the rivalry over the ethnic minorities, the failure of the English media to keep abreast of social change, and the growth of a new type of English leadership. For this edition, the authors have brought their analysis up to date and prepared a new introduction and final chapter.

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