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We have made Italy, now we have to make Italians.

Massimo d'Azeglio

To make a nation there must be a common life, common sentiments, common aims, and common hopes.

Goldwin Smith, *The Bystander*, December 1889

Les fêtes du troisième centenaire de Québec, si grandioses et si populaires, méritaient qu'on en fit le récit fidèle, qu'on en consignât, dans un livre soigneusement préparée.

Le Comité du 'Livre-Souvenir'

I think that we never know the truth by being told it. We have to experience it in some way. That is the abiding grace of history. It is the theatre in which we experience truth. But we have to work at it, because the truth is always clothed in some way by story. History is always parable to the truth.

Greg Dening, *Performances*