

experience of the United States, and they tried to avoid the mistakes that had been made. The echoes of the civil war had scarcely passed away, and it was agreed that this great war was due to the extensive powers given to the state legislatures, but the Fathers of the Canadian Confederation had nevertheless to consider provincial prejudices in order to agree upon a basis of union. The result of their deliberations as expressed in the British North America Act afterward passed by the British Parliament was the establishment of a Dominion which is much more nearly a consolidation than the United States. The powers of the provincial legislatures are much more limited than those of the state legislatures and the Dominion Government has the right to veto any provincial act within a year of its passage. This veto power has been very sparingly exercised, yet it has caused some friction between the Dominion Government and the provincial governments.

A study of Canadian political history will convince anyone that the disputes that have arisen have all been due to the