

whatever the *ulterior views* of Canadian politicians may be, to persuade the people of Nova Scotia to accept of any other. It is premature to talk of abolishing the distinctions between Canadians, New Brunswickers and Nova Scotians, and the very plan of this federation, with its separate Legislature for each Province, will tend to foster local jealousies. We in Nova Scotia, have our own history and name, not so easily obliterated from our minds. Are the natives of Bohemia or the Tyrol, any the less Bohemians and Tyroleans, because they form a part of the Austrian Empire? The same language is used, the same religion prevails, many customs are alike, but the distinction in name remains. Many instances might be noticed of a like tendency to conserve these separate names, though where patriotism does not exist, a people may be found to be indifferent to the name of their country being effaced from the map, in exchange for a new one. Our Province is at present prosperous, and progressing rapidly, our burdens are light, we are well able to meet our obligations, and an increasing revenue gives us the means of gradually extending our railways, and improving our public works. Are we prepared to see our taxation doubled, and to relinquish the management of our affairs, in exchange for high-sounding names, and dreams of a national importance beyond that of British subjects? In the march of events the time may come when the mother country may ask us to establish a nationality for ourselves and maintain it, but that day is far remote, and a federation now, on the grounds of giving us a nationality of our own, is wildly premature. Whatever may be said to the contrary, the English nation will not yield these Provinces to any invader, so long as