

It is doubtful, also, whether, under the great control exercised by the central power over the Province, State affection, State pride, State sovereignty, local public spirit, which have had so strong an influence upon us, and to which we owe what is greatest in our history, can ever be engendered there. The executive head of the Province is appointed by the executive of the Dominion. His salary is fixed and provided by the Dominion Parliament. In those Provinces where there are two legislative houses, the members of the upper branch are appointed by the Lieutenant-Governor for life. The Governor-General has an absolute veto over all Provincial legislation. The pardoning power for the Provinces is vested in the Governor-General. It will be seen by the sections of the Act of 1867 which we have cited, how large a share of the legislative power which we leave to the States, especially in the matter of crimes, is exercised in Canada by the Dominion.

But the distinction which Canadian students like specially to insist on between their parliament and ours is that which we have already briefly spoken of—the change in the executive with the changing majority in the House of Commons. Canada has adopted the modern English system, which never has obtained here in the national government or in any State. Indeed, it was not fairly established in England very long before our Constitution was framed. To establish it here would require the complete abrogation of the authority of the President, except so far as he should determine what members of the popular legislative branch were the persons who were entitled to be entrusted with power as best representing its will. It would require, also, the abolition of the legislative function of the President. It would require that the authority of the Senate, both in ordinary legislation and in the treaty-making power (which is but another form of legislation), should be nominal only, or at most should be only sufficient for unimportant amendments to measures proposed by the other House, or to require the other House