

With Mr. Goldwin Smith's Compliment
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People in England think they have often reason to complain of the partial character of English news transmitted to the United States by the correspondents of the American press. They say the news is colored to suit an anti-British taste. But people on this side of the water, both in the United States and in Canada, have ground for reciprocal complaint. The erroneous as well as irritating and impolitic language of a large portion of the British press respecting the conduct of the American Government toward Chile must be held to prove that the facts have been colored in transmission to suit the supposed demands of British prejudice. Its Canadian intelligence the British press conservative derives from Ottawa, that is from the center of official Toryism or from correspondents who go to Ottawa for their information, and the intelligence is often highly partisan in its character and such as, if it is allowed to influence British policy, may produce dangerous misconception.

The Times had, the other day, (Jan. 2) a summary of the history of the British colonies for the past year, comprising an account of the last general election in Canada, to which future historians may, perhaps, resort, but which they will find utterly misleading. It is full of misstatement or fallacious insinuations. One paragraph is as follows:

"The day of the polling for the new Parliament was fixed for the 5th of March. There was barely a month for the electoral campaign. Both sides plunged into it without a moment's delay and the contest was waged at white heat from end to end. It was followed with extraordinary interest both at home and in the other colonies; for the wager of battle was no sooner thrown down than it became evident that the fight was to be fought on very different grounds from that of previous local contests. Within twenty-four hours of the dissolution Mr. Goldwin Smith sounded the first note of the new battle-cry. Speaking at a Liberal meeting at Toronto on the 3d of February, he says: 'The manifest political destiny of Canada is union with the United States; and any attempt to raise the barrier of loyalty against the natural destiny of the country is ridiculous.' He was not alone in taking up this position.

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