

" Federation. In this class, it seems to us, fall the resolutions bearing on the subject
 " of the appointment of magistrates by the provincial authorities, the receipt by the
 " provinces of fees paid on legal proceedings in the provincial courts, the power af
 " lieutenant-governors to issue commissions to hold courts, the abolition of Legis-
 " lative Councils and the ownership of Indian lands by the provinces in which
 " they are situate, although this last question may be settled possibly" by appeal to
 " the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council by a decision based on the B. N. A.
 " act. The power of pardon of persons convicted of an offence against provincial
 " laws is now exercised by the Provincial authorities, but if any doubt as to the
 " jurisdiction exists, it may well be removed, and the desirability of determining
 " and establishing the boundaries of Ontario and Quebec will be generally recog-
 " nized."

" These are all subjects, albeit of no grave moment, that may be advanta-
 " geously settled by mutual agreement between the Federal and Provincial
 " authorities, without disturbing the fundamental principles of the constitution,
 " impairing the proper jurisdiction of the Parliament of Canada, or displacing the
 " machinery of government."

There can be no doubt, and in this we agree with the *Gazette*, that many
 of these questions might be settled by an understanding between the Federal Gov-
 ernment and the Provinces ; but as the Federal Government has always refused
 to come to such understanding, we were constrained to adopt means to attain
 our ends without its concurrence.

Allow me to quote also the testimony of another Tory newspaper, one of
 the most hostile and unjust towards us ; I refer to the " Star." This is what it said
 on the 10th of November last, in publishing the resolutions of the Conference :

" They deal with subjects of great importance and are worthy the careful
 " consideration of every public man and every journalist of the Dominion. Many
 " of the conclusions arrived at by the Conference will provoke controversy, but
 " there are some of its suggestions which will meet with the hearty approval of the
 " great majority of thinking men. The principal matters treated of in the resolu-
 " tions are disallowance, the constitution of the Senate and provincial subsidies.
 " The establishment of a tribunal to pronounce upon the constitutionality of laws