

but in the neighboring States ; and all will agree that the Conservatives have always been charged with centralization ; but the most telling illustration of Reform provincialism has been furnished since the publication of my article on " The Consolidation of Canada." The Reform government of Nova Scotia went to the province with the cry of " repeal." The Reform newspapers of the province daily published articles bitterly hostile to the Dominion, and the leading local politicians of that party tried in every way to arouse feelings of hatred toward Canadians in general. The Conservative newspapers in Nova Scotia, on the other hand, were full of patriotic articles calling upon the people to sustain the union, and giving many columns of official statistics showing how greatly every branch of trade in the province has increased since Confederation and how trade would be ruined by secession. During the contest, the Reform papers in other parts of the Dominion, with one or two exceptions, said not a word in condemnation of the secession agitation, and when a repeal majority of about five per cent. of the votes was announced Reform papers throughout the Dominion claimed that it was a great Reform victory. I believe the only Reform dailies that emphatically pronounced against the principle of secession were the Kingston *Whig* and the Ottawa *Free Press*. The *Daily Times* of Hamilton, Ontario, one of the oldest Reform papers in the West, commenting on the victory, after expressing sympathy with the secessionists, said : " There is nothing sacred about Confederation. It is a human scheme devised by politicians a few years ago for the supposed benefit of the people inhabiting the several provinces, and if it turns out in practice to be an unprofitable scheme for any or all of the partners there is the same liberty to unmake it as there was to make it."

In reply to the greater part of Dr. Bender's article on Canada in the June number of this magazine it is only necessary to say : read my article in the April number again. But a few of his statements call for correction. He says that according to Mr. Brydges there were, in 1875, four thousand nine hundred and fifty-seven miles of railway in Canada. Well, the confederation did not take place in 1875 but in 1867. According to a report recently issued by the Dominion Department of Agriculture, there were in 1867 two thousand three hundred and eighty miles of railway within the territory which now comprises the Dominion of Canada. Dr. Bender says the great Welland canal was made so long ago as 1829. There was a small Welland canal before Confederation, but the great Welland canal has been constructed since. Between June 30, 1867, and June 30, 1885, \$14,117,823.88 was expended on it. He says the debt of Canada is nearly \$300,000,000. The exact figures are \$264,808,520. With \$35,191,480, the difference