

Chief of the Canadian forces, slightly differs from Sir Francis Hincks' opinion on this defence question. And, although we must have the greatest respect for the gallant knight's opinion, on all financial questions, after his brilliant career as a banker and a finance minister in Canada, still, on military matters, we beg leave to prefer Major-General Selby Smyth's opinion to his own.

The Major-General's report, now before Parliament, distinctly affirms that, not only must Canada prepare for her own defence, on a most costly and expensive scale, but the Dominion is called upon to protect Great Britain abroad, in her European wars, with our men and money. What will the loyalists of the *Globe* say to this proposition? The absurdity of our present position is fully illustrated in this official report to Parliament by our military authorities.

The *Toronto Journal of Commerce* refers to the report as follows:

"The Adjutant-General of Militia, Lieutenant, General Selby Smyth, in his report for 1879, sketches more than an ambitious scheme of national defence from the Atlantic Ocean to the Pacific. The office of Adjutant-General of Canadian militia can only be held by a British officer; and it is natural that this functionary should look at the position of Canada in the Empire from an Imperial point of view. It is within the recollection of everybody that one Government lost power in the endeavor to increase the militia expenditure, in accordance with Imperial ideas.

The Adjutant-General is of opinion that the withdrawal of the Imperial troops has devolved on Canada the duty of providing for 'the efficiency of the military establishment.' Has the Imperial government, then, no longer any duties in this connection? Among the means of forming an efficient military establishment, the Adjutant-General ranks a Canadian army, 'men whose business it is to study the art of war as professionals.' To facilitate this study, he would have us establish three training schools for cavalry and infantry. The people of Canada will, he thinks, rise gradually