

Smith, and amongst them is the one just noticed—viz., the number of small governments. It may be remarked that the Speaker of the Ontario Legislature is a reformer. He says :—

“There are few, if any, who seriously desire a return to the old state of things. Some have talked in favour of a Legislative Union rather than a federal one, but they would be among the first to resist such a change were it seriously proposed. It would be as impracticable with us as with you. Having once tasted the advantage of provincial control of provincial affairs, not even Conservative Quebec would abandon the free exercise of such powers.”

The same gentleman, who is not an Imperialist, but a staunch radical reformer, assures his questioner, who cannot comprehend Canadians desiring to remain “in leading-strings,” that they “have no sympathy with the few attempts at the introduction of annexation sentiments made by Constitutional grumblers.”

The next complaint is, that a militia organization is kept up, and “a good deal of money has been and is wasted on military preparations against a foe who will never come, and whom, if he did come, with his immense superiority of numbers and resources, it would be impossible to resist.” It is not very long since this very militia was suddenly called on to defend the country from invasion at a time of profound peace with the nation which furnished the raiders. It is, however, needless to discuss the subject or the question, whether “the police too is inadequate.” The police are chiefly maintained by incorporated cities and towns, and really Mr. Goldwin Smith should be satisfied to leave such questions to be discussed in the Dominion Legislature on the estimates of the Minister of Militia and Defence, and should abstain from dragging before the English public the details of the Canadian estimates.

It is rather amusing to read the passages in Mr. Goldwin Smith's paper referring to “an attempt to kindle Jingo sentiment in Canada,” and to “Canadian Jingoism beginning to spit fire at the American Republic,” and to the consequences of which the prescient writer has made a forecast. It is one of the delusions of the writer that there is a hostile feeling towards the citizens of the United States on the part of those Canadians who refuse to believe in his power to make forecasts of the future. The manner in which Canadians of all shades of party received the news of the calamity which recently befell the American nation affords conclusive proof that the most friendly sentiments are entertained throughout the Dominion towards the citizens of the United States. Surely Canadians may be allowed to prefer their own institutions and to frame their own tariff, without subjecting themselves to the charge of entertaining unfriendly feelings to their neighbours. As to the merits of the respective systems of Government, the Speaker of the Ontario Legislature stated to his interviewer :

“You are beginning to discover the defects which exist in your own system, and I cannot help thinking that, before many years pass, you will take a leaf