

former. But it is forgotten that the Governors of American States, who really appoint the officers of the executive, are themselves elected by the people for short terms. This makes all the difference. The three evils which seem to call for remedies are the needless expense of the present system, the perversion of the local governments into donkey-engines of Ottawa parties, and the permanent ascendancy of a clique, the tendency to which is very marked at the present time. The proper remedy for the first evil is the retrenchment of superfluities, such as the Lieutenant-Governorship and the payment of indemnities above expenses, not the scamping of Provincial business. The proper remedy for the second and third evils we have often pointed out: it is the regular election of the executive officers by the members of the Legislature. In course of time we think this will be seen. Let us say once more, for the special information of Mr. Sinclair, that no speaker or writer, so far as we know, has proposed the abolition of Local Legislatures: what has been proposed is to make them local and, at the same time, free. In their donkey-engine state they contravene the fundamental principles of the Constitution, which evidently aims at separating the Local from the Central Legislation, and assuring to the Local Legislatures their independence. To make the severance complete was, we presume, the object of the Act precluding members of the Dominion Parliament from sitting in the Local House. If there is no objection to the party connection, and the influences which it entails, why is Ontario to be compelled to take up with mediocrities, or something less? Why is she not to be at liberty to avail herself of the services of her ablest men?

—The Archbishop of Montreal has been roundly abused as a sour and meddling priest for warning his flock against the Bernhardt performances. That priests in Quebec have meddled in political matters with which they have no concern, the readers of Mr. Charles Lindsey's valuable Essay well know. But