

fact, purifying and restoring that Constitution to its original state.

But in the measure now under our consideration, (the Federal Union of the British North American Provinces,) his Lordship, *be it observed*, has not contented himself with reforming their Constitutions, but has actually brought forward a new measure, which would virtually *destroy* these Constitutions.

The Federal Assembly is intended to be chosen by the *people direct*; and it being a Court of Appeal, any measure which has been constitutionally enacted in the Provincial Legislatures, may be upset and annulled by this democratic Assembly.

I conceive, therefore, such an institution to be, for the reasons stated, unnecessary, unconstitutional, and dangerous to the welfare of these Provinces. Indeed, its very name is ominous to British constitutionalists.

Thus we are under the necessity of concluding, that neither the cure of the *past or present* evils of these Provinces, nor the advancement of their *future* prosperity, are at all likely to be effected by the measure under consideration in this chapter. And I the more willingly dismiss this subject, that in the fifth chapter a Federal Union of a very different and, I trust, superior nature and more constitutional character, will come under discussion.

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