

REPLY
TO
"REMARKS UPON THE PROPOSED FEDERATION OF THE
PROVINCES."

THERE is a class of persons in the good city of Halifax, who, though not distinguished for, or laying claim to a knowledge of political economy, have never been wanting in desire to control public measures, from behind the scenes. Many of these gentlemen, who have hitherto had nothing to oppose to Colonial Union — now that our public men, laying aside their party quarrels, vie with generous and commendable rivalry, in putting into practice the theories which have been maturing for over a quarter of a century — now these men have suddenly bethought themselves, with Prince Malcom, to "confound all unity on earth."

A writer, who calls himself "A Nova Scotian," has lately, in a brochure of sixteen pages, entitled "Remarks upon the proposed Federation of the Provinces," whether designedly or accidentally, become the mouth-piece of these persons; and kindling with enthusiasm he has, after the fashion of "Farini," "Dr. O'Leary," and the "Ethiopian Minstrels," pressed posters into his service which, on every old wall in the city, proclaim that his anti-union opinions are for sale by the bibliopolists.

The writer commences and concludes his anonymous pamphlet by disclaiming dishonest motive, and vigorously protesting patriotism — patriotism, to use his own words, "from a Nova Scotian point of view." Leaving it to those who may be induced to read the "Remarks" to say whether fallacies and sneers are not clumsily concealed on