



"WELL, WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO ABOUT DISALLOWING ME?"

CROSS PURPOSES.

IMPERIAL FEDERATION FROM THE CANADIAN AND THE BRITISH STANDPOINTS.

[Sir Framley Faddson, the distinguished English advocate of Imp. Fed. travelling in Canada, meets Colonel McNiloquent, M.P., Canadian Imperial Federationist.]

SIR F.—"Charmed to meet you, sir. I want to assure you, Colonel, and through you the Canadian people, how delighted I am to observe the tone of loyalty which seems to prevail on every hand. You are actually more loyal—more devoted to Her Gracious Majesty—[here they remove their hats]—than we are at 'ome."

COL. MCN. (beaming with pleasure)—"Ah, Sir Framley, I assure you that that is the greatest compliment you could possibly pay us. Yes, indeed, we are a thoroughly loyal people, and we rely on you on your return home to disabuse the public mind of any contrary impression which may have been produced by the treasonous utterances of that despicable renegade, Goldwin Smith. That man ought to be hanged, Sir Framley."

SIR F.—"He ought, Colonel. I feel sure that he does not represent Canadian sentiment. I will write to the *Times* and say so."

COL. MCN.—"He merely panders to a miserable pestilent fraction of soreheads and annexationists, and is utterly without influence."

SIR F.—"Ah, yes, I thoroughly understand that. The vast majority of your population are thoroughly loyal."

COL. MCN.—"They are, indeed. We love the Old Flag with a deathless, unquenchable ardor. We have a patriotic pride in the storied memories of Britain's

glorious past—in the heroes who have fought her battles, whose names have been emblazoned on the bead roll of imperishable fame, and whose exploits are embalmed in the matchless poem of the Laureate—

"Half a league, half a league,
Half a league onward!"

[He proceeds to recite, with appropriate gestures, the "Charge of the Light Brigade."]

SIR F. (somewhat bored)—"Ah—yaas! Just so. Fine sentiment, Col. But to come down to practical matters, I'm glad to find our Imperial Federation movement making such headway."

COL. MCN.—"Yes, the cause is advancing by leaps and bounds. We are gaining converts by thousands, and in a very few years we shall be able to put the question in a tangible shape before the public."

SIR F.—"Delighted to hear you say so. I shall on my return enter with renewed energy upon the work so important to the commercial prosperity of England. When once we can make our manufacturing and commercial classes realize that Imperial Federation, by abolishing your antiquated tariff system, will give British goods free access to your market, the movement will receive a grand impetus."

COL. MCN. (hesitatingly)—"But—ah—Sir Framley, do you—ah—consider the abrogation of our tariff an essential feature of the scheme?"

SIR F.—"Bless my soul, Colonel, of course I do! What do you suppose we want Imperial Federation for but to get rid of these outrageous and absurd restrictions on our trade?"

COL. MCN.—"Well, we haven't quite considered it from that light, but of course if it's necessary we will have to meet the views of English federationists. Our