

"to tax forecast with revolutionary designs." It is perhaps needless to remark, that those "engaged in moulding the institutions" of Canada, whether "Liberal-Conservatives" or "Reformers," whether "Protectionists" or "Free Traders," have faith in the permanence of the system, by which expression is merely understood a belief that it is as likely to be permanent as any other established Government. Mr. Goldwin Smith, claiming the gift of prescience, has made a forecast, that at no distant period there will be a disruption of the Dominion of Canada, owing to the secession of one or more of the Provinces of which it is composed, and he professes to believe that this will take place without civil war. In a paper which I contributed to the *Fortnightly Review* in May last, I noticed that, when invited to point out an instance of such amicable separation, Mr. Goldwin Smith had cited such cases as Alaska, Cyprus, Alsace-Lorraine, and the Transvaal as "changes of allegiance without civil war." Unfortunately the illustration did not hold good in the case of the Transvaal. But I pointed out that in all of these cases territories were transferred by one great power to another, just as, in the event of an unsuccessful war, Great Britain might be compelled to transfer Canada to the United States. Mr. Goldwin Smith has laboured assiduously, as well in Canadian as in British and United States periodicals, to induce the belief that some design has been formed to introduce "Imperialism,"—or, to use his favourite, though wholly unmeaning expression, "Jingoism,"—into Canada. He has even condescended to quote extracts from a dancing master's appeal for patronage, and to dignify the author with his own title of professor. His unremitting efforts to sap the loyalty of the Canadian people having proved unavailing, he has sought by his late contribution to persuade the people of England that no reliance is to be placed on the continuance of the subsisting connection between the United Kingdom and the Dominion of Canada.

The Canadian tariff is an unfortunate subject for one who professes to believe in the influence of "Jingoism." It will not be imagined for a moment, by any intelligent person in the United Kingdom, that Imperial influence was used to inaugurate the present Canadian tariff. On the contrary, that measure has been a crucial test of the good faith of the mother country in conceding independent government to the Dominion. Whatever may be deemed the merits or demerits of the Canadian tariff, or of the respective policies of Free Trade and Protection, the tariff was framed in accordance with the wishes of the Canadian people, after a direct appeal to them, and it is not unworthy of remark that Mr. Goldwin Smith, although theoretically a free trader, "took the stump"—to use an American electioneering phrase, which he has himself applied by innuendo to Lord Dufferin—in support of the protectionist party. It is probably more congenial to his taste to appeal to the British public in the columns of a review than "to take the stump" in Canada in defence of the tariff which he lent his influence to