

IMPERIL THE FUTURE

of the Dominion by fostering racial and religious animosities and by appealing to prejudices, which can have but one effect, to postpone if not destroy that feeling of national unity essential to the solidarity of the Dominion? In Mr. Gladstone's great speech, on the introduction of his Bill for the "Disestablishment of the Irish Church," among other reasons given for the measure one was "to cement with the bond of human sympathy the noble fabric of the British Empire." Is it not plainly the duty of the people of Ontario (for I believe they are the chief offenders in this case) to reconsider their attitude toward the sister Province, and, instead of sowing the land with dragons' teeth as was done in the last election, to adopt Gladstone's policy with respect to the Irish Church and endeavor to cement with the bond of brotherly sympathy the noble fabric of this Dominion? What Canada now wants, above all things, is that her public men should preach

THE GOSPEL OF NATIONAL UNITY.

It is easy, in a Confederation composed of provinces so remote from each other, to arouse jealousies which would make the government of Canada by one central Parliament almost impossible. It would be equally easy, by intemperate appeals to passion and to prejudice, so to antagonize Provinces contiguous to each other as to delay, if not defeat, the good of the whole country. The demagogue and the factionist look only to the advantages of the present moment. The true patriot has his eye upon the future. The demagogue for immediate success would sacrifice the future to his own ambition. No true Canadian can afford to be either a demagogue or a factionist. The gospel of unity is the animating spirit of national consolidation. In no other century of the world's existence has this gospel been promulgated with greater success. Under its inspiration the scattered provinces of Germany have been consolidated into one of the first Powers of Europe. Australia is entering upon a new era of prosperity, as the first Commonwealth within the British Empire. Great Britain is marshalling her colonial forces as never before, and the United States has consolidated seventy-six millions of people into a Republic that speaks with but one voice in the councils of the nations.