

day seeing the *esprit du corps* of Confederation grow stronger and stronger. Believing this, in spite of the birds of ill omen which croak a different story, it is our duty to repudiate charges of disaffection and disloyalty made against the people of any of our sister provinces. We have spoken of race, and religion, in connection with Riel, and the inference might be that our remark was pointed at our French Canadian fellow subjects in Quebec, of whose race and religion Riel is a most unworthy scion. We desire to protest against such an inference. It may be possible that there are French Canadians who sympathize with Riel; doubtless there are. But that the heart of the French Canadian people is disloyal to the crown of Great Britain or to the Confederation, in the formation of which their greatest statesman was the foremost man, is something not to be believed. And being loyal they will condemn the traitor, though he speaks their own language and carries their blood in his veins. The presence of their soldiers in the field; the manner in which a French Canadian Minister of Militia has dealt with the rebellion prove this, if any proof were wanting. It is not the people we fear. It is the demagogues, the wire pullers, the men who make power and place superior to patriotism, who to retain or obtain (either word you choose) political preferment would endorse the deeds of a thousand traitors worse, if possible, than Riel. If there be such we foretell their failure; we predict the triumph of justice, followed by the re-establishment of law and order, and the confusion of all who stand in its way.

EXIT GLADSTONE.

AFTER five years of power the Gladstone ministry, which passed triumphantly through the results of the war in the Soudan, and brought to a peaceful issue the, at one time almost hopeless negotiations with Russia in the Afghan matter, has fallen headlong over a beer vat. The Conservatives, after much seeming reluctance, have assumed the reins of power and will guide the chariot of state for the time being. It is predicted that their tenure will be a brief one; that the people at the general elections, shortly to take place, will manifest their continued confidence in the "grand old man," by giving him an increased majority in the House when the time comes. Meanwhile the Queen has made it plainly apparent that her sympathies are with the Conservatives at

the present juncture. Her Majesty has shown her disapproval of Gladstone's course in the Afghan affair by inviting Sir Peter Lumsden to Windsor and entertaining him there, thus conveying to the late Premier a most undoubted snub. It would have been more in accordance with Conservative traditions, some seem to think, could they have taken their seats on the Treasury Benches in a more legitimate way. It is asserted that the ladder of the Parnell vote by which they reached their prize is one on which honorable men would scorn to climb. Be this as it may, they have climbed it and are now enjoying the sweets of office. Lord Randolph Churchill has been returned for the borough of Woodstock, mainly through the instrumentality of his wife, an American lady, who has given the slow-going, beef-eating voters of that snug little constituency some idea of how they manage these matters in the land of the free and the home of the brave. Until the elections take place the prophets will be in their element, and matters generally, at least those which are effected by a change of Ministry, will remain in a state of uncertainty not relished by the business world. We predict that the mere fact of possession will in this case, as oft before, prove of immense value to the possessors, and that the Conservatives under Lord Salisbury will be sustained. The Irish party are jubilant, believing that the time is now fast approaching when they shall achieve the triumph for which they have fought so long—Home Rule for Ireland. If home rule would bring peace and prosperity to that unhappy country we should pray for it with all our might, and exult in its accomplishment. But we fear the same causes of disquiet and comparative poverty which have existed in Ireland for centuries are still there, modified perhaps, but still potent to counteract even the alleged benefits to flow from Home Rule.

"IN NATIVE EARTH."

(Unavoidably crowded out of the June number.)

IN Wednesday, May 27th, the remains of Lieut. Fitch, and on Monday, June 1st, those of Private Moor, both of the 10th Royal Grenadiers, were laid to rest at a short distance from each other in Mount Pleasant. The latter fell at Batoche on Sunday, May 10th, and the former at the same place on Tuesday, the 12th. Details of the solemn and imposing ceremonies