them they disbanded at once. Besides this, sundry of their original demands had been conceded and there was nothing very material at issue except the question of the punishment to be inflicted on the murderers of Scott.

REPORTER. And as to Mr. Riel himself?

SIR RICHARD. He had no alternative. His men would not fight the British troops, nor do I believe he himself had ever intended to do so. He simply retired into the wilderness, keeping all the time, however, as we very soon discovered, in close touch with his former partisans. One thing is very certain, that both the British and Canadian Governments had acted with extreme indiscretion in withdrawing the regular force before the Canadian authorities were duly installed. Both had to pay heavily in hard cash for their folly, and in the case of Canada the direct result of the business was the wreck of two ministries and to breed later on a second revolt which very seriously imperilled a third. Had the British Government taken the very ordinary precaution of consulting their own officers on the spot, I had the authority of more than one of these gentlemen for saying that they would have strongly advised keeping the detachment there at least till the opening of navigation in the next year. The Canadian Government, who knew the awkward temper of a large portion of the people of the United States and who had had very recently to put a large number of our militia under arms to repel threatened Fenian raids, were at least equally to blame. Altogether this most stupid neglect of the most ordinary precautions which any practical business man would have taken is a pretty instance of the old adage, " *Quam parva sapientia mundus gubernatur.*"

REPORTER. What became of Mr. Macdougall?

SIR RICHARD. He was suspended and retired in high dudgeon. He was temporarily got rid of by his being appointed Superintendent-General of Immigration in Northern Europe. His later years were passed in an enforced retirement in which he played the part of a political Ishmael. To say the truth, while it must be