

Gibraltar, full of topographical traps, where good riders or riflemen can, as we have seen, hold at bay many times their number.

#### CANADIANS AS FIGHTERS.

At a meeting of the Board of Trade in Detroit, Mich., during the American Civil War, the late Hon. Joseph Howe, of Nova Scotia, in referring to the large numbers of Canadians, including his own son, who were fighting on the side of the North, incidentally remarked that "Young Canada would as soon fight as eat his breakfast." This fact has had further emphasis in Africa, and we are proud to have the testimony within the last few days from our own "Little Bobs" and the congratulations from our own beloved Queen. Australia and New Zealand have shown that we Canadians have no monopoly of pluck. Our British army needs no eulogy in this line, and we must give our foes, too, the greatest admiration for the same characteristic. But for many years Canadians have had to stand all sorts of insult from croakers like Goldwin Smith, and cads like Labouchere, who have persisted that in a great war we would not fight. Even Sir Charles Dilke, at a meeting of the Royal Colonial Institute, had the temerity to repeat the statement. Fortunately, Lt.-Col. Geo. T. Denison, of Toronto, was present, and in a splendid reply, proved to the satisfaction of the meeting that Sir Charles either knowingly suppressed the facts of history or was utterly ignorant. Mr. Souttar, M. P. for Dumfriesshire, in a recent interesting little work on the growth of the Empire, reiterates the opinion that our loyalty to the mother country hangs upon our opportunity to borrow money at 3 1-2 per cent., and to use his own words, "if the mother country should fall upon evil times, and want to beg or to borrow—should she, in fact, call on her colonies to contribute towards supporting the burdens they have helped to bring on her—they will answer by striking off all dependence." Recent events have surely done something to dispel such insular ignorance. The colonies of Britain have, every one of them, suffered more or less from this purely British prejudice and stupidity. It mattered not whether Conservative or Liberal were in power, there have always been diplomatic and official blockheads who could only profit by disaster. Imperial interests have always suffered from it in Africa, as they suffered from it at the time of the American Revolution, in India, the Crimea, Egypt and elsewhere. John Bull is brilliantly obtuse, and it is only because that heaven helps him, because he deserves it, that he has not been ridden over roughshod by his rivals in Europe. So far as Canada is concerned, our history and our