

real representative in the Government of the Province; and if circumstances have modified their position for the present, I have reason to believe that before long they will again assume in the councils of the nation the place of which the voluntary resignation of Mr. McShane has temporarily deprived them.

The Irish Catholics! we are their natural allies as the Tories are their natural enemies, and in that grand old land of their forefathers, it is enough that an Irish Catholic should become a Tory to be denounced as a traitor.

THE NATIONAL CONSERVATIVES.

Our opponents bear us a most particular interest and, in their kindly solicitude, they loudly proclaim that divisions reign in our ranks, that the National Conservatives desire to abandon us, or that the Liberals want to get rid of them.

All this is pure fiction; the Liberals respect the National Conservatives and the most perfect harmony reigns between all the members of the Ministry. We have the greatest esteem for the Honorable Messrs. Garneau and Duhamel, the two distinguished leaders in the Cabinet of that valiant band of Conservatives, who, hearkening only to the call of patriotism, broke all the ties of party and tendered us their hand in 1886, pledging themselves to work with us for the redemption of the Province. They have kept their work and we shall keep ours; they bore the burden of the day, and it was but right that they should enjoy the reward: they have been loyal to us, and we have been and will remain loyal to them. They have rights as we have rights: now, as it is the first duty of the leader of a political party to respect the rights of all, the National Conservatives have nothing to fear, I will see that their rights shall be respected.

THE INTERPROVINCIAL CONFERENCE

The first article of the National programme, promulgated in 1886, was "the vigorous maintenance of the principle of Provincial autonomy against all infringements, direct or indirect."

In order to follow up this article of our programme, we took the initiative towards the holding of the Interprovincial Conference, which met last autumn in