



BLAINE SEES A LIGHT.

CLEVELAND—"Shake, Jimmy! 'For while the lamp holds out to burn'—you know the rest!"

A RASH WAGER.

THEY were talking politics in a rather excited strain, considering the off season and the heat of the weather. A hot-headed Tory asserted that if Mowat were to go to the people again, he would not have a corporal's guard of followers remaining when the House assembled; and an excitable Grit was just as dogmatic in his assertion, that the next general election would see Sir John wiped out.

"Old Sir John, I tell you, is the most unpopular man in the country. Kingston, where he once had it all his own way, has soured on him completely. Why, he couldn't be elected pound-keeper there to-day."

"You don't know what you're talking about, you idiot. He'll lick the Grits as easy as rolling off a log."

"Well, I'm ready to prove what I say. Money talks. I'll bet you \$5 that Sir John couldn't be elected for pound keeper."

"You can't bluff me with your big wad of ones. I'll take you. But who's to decide?"

"Well, leave it to Jimson here. He ain't no politician, and I'll be satisfied with his decision if you are."

"That goes. Now, put up your stuff. Now, you prove that Sir John couldn't be elected pound-keeper in Kingston."

"Why, certainly—nothing easier. Did you ever hear of an election being held for pound-keeper in Kingston or anywhere else in Canada? How's that, umpire? If there's no election for pound-keeper, of course, Sir John couldn't be elected for that office, could he?"

"Oh, come off, now. That's a catch—give me back my money."

They compromised finally on beers for the crowd.

NOT THAT KIND OF "NATIONALIST."

THE following correspondence explains itself:

Boston, July 16th.

"HON. HONORE MERCIER, Premier of Quebec.

DEAR SIR,—I have just been informed by a friend who knows Canada well, that at the recent election the Nationalist ticket swept the Province, and that your Government represents Nationalist views. I extend you my cordial congratulations, and am delighted to find that the ideas presented in 'Looking Backwards' have taken so firm a hold in Canada, which, by returning a Government pledged to these principles, places itself in advance of every other country.

Respectfully,
EDWARD BELLAMY."

"EDWARD BELLAMY, ESQ., Boston.

"QUEBEC, July 18th.

"DEAR SIR,—I am pleased that the course of my Government receives the approval of my compatriots in the United