

**Mr. Blake to the Owen Sound Reform Association.**

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**NORTH-WEST AFFAIRS.**

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**MALADMINISTRATION AND REBELLION.**

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**STRANGE DISAPPEARANCE OF 125,000 IMMIGRANTS.**

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**Tupperian Calculations—Premature Surveys—Grievances of  
the Metis—Value of Half-breed Sympathy.**

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**“FORCE IS NO REMEDY.”**

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**REFUSAL OF INFORMATION BY THE GOVERNMENT.**

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**Scandalous Treatment of Indians—“What About Riel?”—  
The “Bunter and Smasher” Fanatics.**

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Hon. EDWARD BLAKE, on coming forward to respond, was received with cheers and the waving of hats and handkerchiefs. The applause was renewed again and again until he raised his hand in request of silence. He said:—

“Mr. Chairman and gentlemen of the Reform Associations, whose addresses I have just been privileged to receive: I give you my best thanks for the language, all too kind, and the expressions, all too flattering, which you have been pleased to use towards me. I wish I could feel myself in any degree worthy of them. I can only claim for myself that, conscious of many imperfections and failings in my public career, it has, at any rate, been animated by an earnest desire, to the best of my humble powers and to the limit of my poor ability, to do some little good to the country in which I was born, in which it is my happiness to live, and where I hope to die, and so to leave the corner of the world in which I live a little better for the life that I have lived in it.” (Loud and prolonged applause.)

Entering upon the discussion of public questions, Mr. Blake touched briefly upon the tariff, the reform of the Senate, Pro-