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Comments on the Cartoons.



WHICH HORN OF THE DILEMMA?—Mr. Blake is not addicted to the habit of taking a horn, and it may be presumed that this adds to the embarrassment of his present position. Since our last number the debate on the Landry motion has been going on *de die in diem*, to use the language of Sir John (who speaks Latin fluently), and the evidence has accumulated to prove that the said motion is the offspring of the Cabinet, and not, as was pretended, an independent expression of Bleu opinion. Sir Hector Langevin, on behalf of the Government, congratulated Mr. Landry on the moderation of his speech, and wound up his own address by moving the previous question—a trick which prevents any amendment being proposed, and compels Mr. Blake and his followers to choose one or other horn of the dilemma—to give a vote which is certain to offend the French on the one

hand or the English on the other. The resort to this "previous question" device is of course inconsistent with the idea that the Government is consciously innocent. The House is asked to condemn the Ministry for having hanged Riel, in the absence of the papers necessary to a fair understanding of the matter. Instead of insisting on fairness in this regard, the Ministry hastens to clinch the injustice by moving the previous question. The stupidest clown in this Dominion can surely see that this is just what a self-condemned person, afraid of a fair trial, would do.

"THE EMPIRE IN DANGER."—In response to a flaming poster, in which this phrase appeared appropriately in great red characters, a vast crowd assembled at Temperance Hall one evening last week. The object announced was to express Canadian sympathy with the Loyalists of Ireland, who are opposing Home Rule. Dr. Wild, Dr. Potts, Dr. Goldwin Smith, and other valiant loyalists made red-hot speeches against the project of dismembering the Empire, but care was taken not to allow anybody to say that Home Rule did not necessarily mean disunion. A genuine Irish time of it naturally ensued. If these Canadian patriots would turn their superabundant loyalty in the direction of their own country, which needs "saving" just now more than any Empire that we know of, they might do some good. Their intermeddling with the Irish question before any

measure has been announced by the Imperial Government, was simply an exhibition calculated to make John Bull laugh.

THE BATTLE ENDED.—The strike or lock-out of the Street Railway employees is happily over, Mr. Smith having withdrawn from the position he had assumed, denying the men the privilege of joining any labor organization. The strike lasted long enough to impress upon the citizens of Toronto the indispensability of the street cars, and it may have the good effect of making us appreciate the labors performed by the Company more than we have in the past. The men concerned acted like true knights throughout the trouble, and accepted their victory as manfully as Mr. Smith acknowledged his defeat.

MOWATIAN ECONOMY.—The Government in our Local House hotly opposed a motion by Mr. McIntyre looking to the reduction of the cost of "Government House," the establishment that is supposed to represent royalty in this Province. Mr. Mowat took the good Tory ground that, however unpopular the establishment was with the taxpayers, it was an "old established" affair, and therefore somewhat sacred. Of course in this view the professed Tories joined the Attorney-General. The money wasted on "pomp" will accordingly continue to be made up by penurious and mean cheese-paring in other and more harmful directions.

THE FINGER OF SCORN.—In the debate on the Landry motion Mr. M. C. Cameron made a three-hours' speech in which, according to one of the newspaper correspondents, there were several sensational epochs. One of these was when he "pointed his finger straight across at the Treasury benches" and declared "there were greater criminals than Riel yet untried!" As a dramatic scene this is worthy of the attention of the rising historical painters of our country, and we hasten to jot it down for their calm consideration.

KRAL'S RUMINATIONS.



"SUMMER will soon be here, and we presume that a short summary of coming fashions will now not be out of place. For the first time in the year some young ladies will appear in print. There will be many little puffs, doubtless, but as for most of them we shall be able to column leaders (of men, of society). Some of them will be not *non-parcail*, but *sans-parcail*.

Coats will likely be worn again, *i.e.*, last year's coats will be much worn, some of them are already much worn. Only dudes and clerks will be able to afford new suits: they will do credit to the latest fashions.

Boots will again be the sole article of apparel. Let there be no misunderstanding about this. Your great feet are often a great feature, ch men? Sole let it be.

Toothpicks will again be in vogue, as well as in mouth. You will be able to choose several kinds. The latest styles are flavored with cranberry extract, champagne essence, and a little concentrated imagination thrown in. The only other requisite is a dude or a fool.

Dusters will again cover a multitude of sinners.

Lovers may be expected to again press their suits, perhaps also their sweets. If he pays his addresses in a fitting manner, we sincerely trust that she will make a suitable and satisfactory reply.

SATISFACTORY.—"John, can't you stay in with me one evening of the week? What do you always go down town after?" "My dear, don't you know what I always go down after? Why, *after dark*, my dear."

THESE ideas that the Greeks lived in low houses is all nonsense. Why, they were tip top story men; they lived and talked in the attic. The only point now worthy of dispute is as to whether they used elevators or balloons.