

MR. BLAKE ON SIR JOHN MACDONALD.

In the course of his speech at Orillia, Mr. Blake took occasion to expose, in a clever and humorous way, Sir John Macdonald's utter ignorance of Scripture history, from which the premier is so fond of quoting. In a previous speech Sir John had compared Mr. Blake to Haman and likened himself to Mordecai. Referring to this, Mr. Blake said:—"Now, we have all heard of somebody quoting Scripture; and I do not object, therefore, to Sir John's doing it; but I object to his following the rejected method of the earlier quoter. He said at Stratford:—

Mr. Blake was a very able man; but he was consumed with ambition. So long as Mordecai sat at the king's gate, so long would