

Evening Terrible Editorials.

THE rag baby is growing stronger every day, and if the National Currency agitation were not already exhibiting signs of early dissolution we should be tempted to produce some unanswerable reasons why it were better to maintain our present banking system, or else abandon it for another. There can be no question that the time has come when powerful popular feeling in favor of an issue of government notes, would have great strength in some quarters, and might even lead Sir JOHN to look kindly on the schemes of Mr. WALLACE. At any rate it would be well if this question could be approached without bitterness, though when the unconquerable currency people are all either idiots or knaves it perhaps is as well to speak out boldly. It would be rash, however, to oppose them too decidedly, because by giving them every opportunity to create discontent, much may be done to render the country ready for changes which would either be advantageous or otherwise.

Mr. BLAKE has been returned for West Durham by acclamation. This is conclusive evidence that the Conservative party did not put a candidate into the field against him. Still they might have done so, and the lesson is that even the greatest statesman may be opposed from factious motives by either of the organized parties. The tyranny of GEORGE BROWN is the cause of a state of affairs so unsatisfactory to every one who has the interests of the country more at heart than the success of any particular set of politicians. We hail the opposition which was not offered to Mr. BLAKE as an indication that the Dictator can no longer be permitted to allow no brother near the throne. Still Mr. MACKENZIE has rendered services to Canada, which history will not forget even though the *Mail* should choose to decry them. Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD will chivalrously welcome a great opponent into the House, even while he shows that he wishes he were dead and buried. Good men of all parties share with us the sentiments which we are thus impelled to express.

The Lumber Question.

LUMBERMAN No. 1—I go in for developing resources of the country.

LUMBERMAN No. 2—So do I. The country's got lumber. Well, cut it down and sell it. That's developing resources. Get the money for it.

No. 1—Yes, besides, a fellow needn't put much into it. Now, with factories, mills, or things of that kind, you have to erect expensive buildings, build often a lot of houses for workmen, and live here the year round. Not so in lumber.

No. 2—Not at all. A fellow may be a Russian, or a Yank, or anything. Just come here, buy a big timber limit, slash right in, hire a lot of the poor farmers round for some weeks, get some cheap French Canadians, chop down a forest right and left, get out all the logs, raft 'em off, sell 'em, go right home to your own country. That's the way.

No. 1—Yes, and one doesn't have to make a lot of fellows' fortunes, either, who don't thank him. Our men would generally make, one year with another, more money on their own farms in the end, if they stuck to them, and worked as steady there as they do for us.

No. 2.—And if the Government do think they get a good thing out of us, the country don't make extra. I tell you where I've gone, fire generally gets away the rubbish I leave, and after it works a week, there's the mighty little soil left for farm operations.

No. 1—It wouldn't do to let it out, but I



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No. 2—Very true, but don't mention it. By and bye, when it's all gone, they'll find out. In the meantime, let us make hay while the sun shines.

The Amenities of British Ministers.

What Lord BEACONSFIELD considers:—

That Mr. GLADSTONE is a revolutionary and wild person. That British foreign influence is best strengthened by sanguinary pictures of the terrible people residing in India, and other colonies, and the vast armies immediately available from Canada and elsewhere. That in asking the British workman for his vote, the most forcible persuasive is Beer, administered through the Licensed Victuallers. That in Diplomacy there is nothing like bluster. That politics are a bore in age, and when one has made a lucky hit it is better to retire, before misfortune might make a retirement resemble a flight.

What Lord SALISBURY considers:—

That the trouble in Ireland is the chief trouble of England. That this trouble has been produced by the persistent efforts of one individual, to improve the state of Ireland. That that individual is Mr. GLADSTONE. That that individual had better not be allowed a fresh lease of power, as it would deprive the present holders of the same, and might also possibly injure the country, or at least not do it much good. That Mr. GLADSTONE is, when out of office, a very inoffensive person.

What Mr. GLADSTONE thinks:—

That Lord BEACONSFIELD is a melancholy instance of the possible success of a most remarkable compound of audacity, impertinence, shallowness, want of statesmanship, garrulity, free-lance-ism, foppery, and a small amount of slippery cleverness. That the most dreadful results may follow if the chief power be retained in Lord B's hands. That such results have followed already, but are not generally discerned, owing to the dullness of a public bribed and muddled by interested Victuallers. That a renewal of the GLADSTONE administration would prevent these results. That a non-renewal of the same will effectually destroy the country. That he will in future, especially when Premier, not write more than nineteen post cards, forty-three letters, two five column reviews, six editorials, and five speeches daily.

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