

**M**R. BLAKE, some of his friends say, goes to the Imperial Parliament to explain the working of the federal system of government in Canada. What will the honourable and learned gentleman say about it? Will he tell the British legislators that in working out the federal system every province save Ontario has got into debt, and that Quebec is making frantic efforts to keep from bankruptcy by the most drastic kind of direct taxation? Will he tell them that when the federal system was in operation about twenty years, prominent Canadian politicians and grave divines felt compelled to form themselves into an Equal Rights Association to protect their civil and religious liberty against Jesuit aggression, Parliament having failed, as they thought, to protect them? Will he tell the British House of Commons that instead of becoming more British, we are adopting some of the worst features of the American system, notably the practice of bleeding contractors, high protective tariffs and the gerrymander? Will he say anything about the "death-like apathy" in public opinion which he told the electors of Durham had come over our people under the federal system? Even Ontario, the only province in the Dominion paying its way,