

NO JOKE NOW.

Shortly before we introduced our resolution for the abolition of the bar, speaking on one of the questions before the House, Sir James twitted me with delay in bringing down our temperance policy. He said: "Our policy is well known, it has been before the country for ten years, and the people have repeatedly endorsed our stand at the elections." At that date, evidently it had never entered his mind to introduce a resolution on the treating question—(laughter)—but we introduced our resolution and he was amazed, probably he did not think there was any leader in the Province who had the courage to come out for the abolition of the bar, or that any party would stand for it, and Mr Hanna thought it was a joke. But the people of this country did not think it was either, and the expressions of opinion throughout the Province between the date when we introduced our resolution and the date it was debated in the House convinced the Government that they had to do something if they desired to retain the support of those whom they considered their temperance supporters. The introduction of our resolution has done this. It has forced the Government to recognize and to state that the present legislation controlling the liquor traffic is insufficient, and some advance must be made. (Applause.) That is worth entering public life for, if we have done nothing else. (Great applause.)

CREDIT FOR THE OPPOSITION.

Then I venture to think that the amendments which we secured to the Liquor License Act this last session would not have received all the encomiums they have, and would not have deserved them, if we had not introduced our resolution. Of course, I cannot prove just what goes on in the minds of the men that sit in the seats of power, but I believe our resolution forced their hands on this matter also. I tell you this: That on the day before I introduced our resolution, Mr. Hanna gave notice that on the following day he would introduce his amendment to the liquor license law. That was on Monday. On Tuesday, after our caucus, I put our motion on the order paper, and on Wednesday I waited with great interest to see what the amendments to the Liquor License Act would be, but no bill came down; I waited until Thursday, and no bill came down; I waited until Friday, and no bill came down; I waited until Monday, no bill came down; I waited until Tuesday, and no bill came down. On Wednesday we had our discussion. The Government's hands had been forced to the extent of introducing the anti-treating legislation, and on the following day