

tions are always considered confidential, and are kept secret. The head of the Cabinet, who has been entrusted with its formation, is called "The Premier," but more properly "the head of Her Majesty's Canadian Government." The Cabinet, as it stands at present, comprises the following officers:—"The Minister of Justice and Attorney General;" "The Minister of Militia and Defence;" "The Minister of Customs;" "The Minister of Finance;" "The Minister of Public Works;" "The Minister of Inland Revenue;" "The Secretary of State for the Provinces;" "The Minister of Marine and Fisheries;" "The President of the Queen's Privy Council;" "The Postmaster General;" "The Secretary of State of Canada;" "The Minister of Agriculture;" and "The Receiver General." They usually resign when they have lost the confidence of the House of Commons, or they may be dismissed by Her Majesty's Representative, and either house can, by address to the Governor General, ask for the dismissal of his Cabinet or advisers. The members of the Cabinet, or Administration, are supposed to agree upon principles of policy and legislation, and are expected to co-operate in Parliament, upon all matters and questions not specifically agreed upon as "open questions." The office of Premier may be held in conjunction with either of the principal departments of State, though heretofore it has been usually associated with the office of Attorney General.

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CLERK OF THE CROWN IN CHANCERY.—The Clerk of the Crown in Chancery is by right an officer of both Houses of Parliament. His duties are to take charge of all the Poll Books and Election documents; to issue Writs of Election, &c., attend with those at the Table when so ordered by the