

INTRODUCTORY.

THE author, having been urged by many who remembered his "PEOPLE'S ALMANAC FOR 1875," to undertake a similar publication in view of the approaching Dominion Elections, has no words to waste on introduction—he simply desires to say that he makes no pretence of furnishing a complete record of the misdeeds of the present Government, *THEIR NAME IS LEGION, and they could not possibly be crowded in without greatly increasing the size of the Almanac*, but he believes he has furnished enough in these pages to convince every unprejudiced elector of the Dominion that Mackenzie has utterly forfeited the confidence of the people.

SHATTERED HOPES.

The advent of Mackenzie to power in 1873 was hailed with acclamation by Reformers throughout the Dominion, because they believed he was going to introduce an era of purity, good government and economy such as had never been known before—many even of those who had formerly been opposed to him, putting faith in his professions and resolving to give him a fair trial. In his address to the electors of Lambton he proclaimed:

"We will strive to elevate the standard of public morality, which our opponents have done so much to debase; and to conduct public affairs upon principles which honest men can approve, and by practices which will bear the light of day."

How has he fulfilled that promise? Let every elector read the record of facts in the following pages, and judge for himself!

The *Globe* of July 3, 1867, said:—

"The Cabinet is thus reported to consist of thirteen members, and in order to find duties for them, or pretence of duties, the actual business of the country is cut up into infinitesimal portions with a most ludicrous result. It would have been less absurd to have appointed two men to the same office, one to watch the other, as they do in Japan. * * * When the whole business of the United States is transacted by seven Cabinet officers, it is surely absurd to appoint thirteen for the Dominion of Canada."

Mackenzie loudly re-echoed these sentiments in the House, but when he got into power, appointed thirteen Cabinet officers, and an additional Minister without portfolio! And last session he tried to imitate Japan by a Bill (Mar. 18, '78) to appoint two Ministers to preside over the same Department!

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