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MR. GALT'S RESIGNATION.
The resignation of the Hon. A. T. Galt, on the very eve of the meeting of Parliament, is certainly a surprise. Conjecture is rife as to what were his reasons for taking such an important step, and although "private reasons" are alleged, even the ministerial organs do not, evidently, believe that the mystery surrounding the affair can be solved by any convenient assertion of that kind. For some good reason, our readers may rest assured, Mr. Galt did not wish to face the Confederate Parliament. The first thing that will strike many minds is that the thorough condemnation meted out to the evil fruits of his banking innovations gave him a hint of the storm which he might expect to meet in the House, and that the astute Sir John A. McDonald was not willing to stand at the helm of the untried bark of the New Dominion while a dangerous political Jonah remained aboard, and hence the retirement of Mr. Galt for private reasons. One thing is certain, the conservative journals have been thrown into a state of sudden trepidation. The *Pro* says: "The resignation of Mr. Galt on the eve of the opening of Parliament, which has taken place ostensibly on personal grounds, is not a good omen." The *London Prototypist* does not feel a bit better about the matter. It says: "It is difficult to surmise what private reasons can exist now, sufficient to influence Mr. Galt to leave the government that did not exist at its formation, in July; and it seems to us that there is a serious loss in the ministerial arrangements. Even the *Leader*, generally profane in its way of explaining things, is way disingenuous in commending his resignation as a concession to a statement of the *Montreal Herald* (retiring) to the effect that Mr. Galt, in libeling, leaves Sir John A. behind as the only man of real ability in the cabinet. Sir John, it is well known, despises the details of government financing, and we do not blame him, on that account; so that putting the address of the 11th in the hands of the man who has shown a scrupulousness in wearing a very flattering aspect. No doubt we shall shortly have interesting revelations about the matter in question."

LETTER FROM OTTAWA.
OTTAWA, Nov. 11th, 1867.
Although the extension of the boundaries of Canada to include Nova Scotia and New Brunswick dates from July last, the Union was incomplete until the Representatives from all parts met face to face, and undertook the responsibility of perfecting the great work. This necessary forerunner of future legislation took place in this city last Wednesday afternoon, when His Excellency, Lord Monck, informed the Senate and Commons that his reasons for calling them together would be made known when the latter assembled in Speaker. After a vast amount of parade and flourish both by males and females the members of the Commons managed to reach their places and prepare themselves for the announcement that the Hon. James Cookburn, was the government candidate for speaker. The proposition having emanated from Sir J. A. McDonald and Mr. Cartier any opposition was useless, therefore after an unproductive hour, throughout which the Hon. Sir John A. McDonald and Mr. Cartier were in the chair by the two above named gentlemen. We hope Mr. Cookburn will make a good speaker, but as it is only a short time since the late speaker vacated the chair the remembrance of his too frequent and affording much consolation when we compare the calibre of the two men.

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MR. HOWE SPEAKS.
The specifying of the first Session of the first Parliament of Canada was commenced on Thursday last by Mr. Howe of Nova Scotia, who, of course received an attentive hearing. He took strong ground against Confederation, (from a Nova Scotia point of view) declared the opening of the North West unequalled for present circumstances, and ended by politely refusing to accept the leadership of the Opposition, his intention being to support good measures from any side of the House. Although his speech was a brilliant one, it was regarded by many as a failure. It is claimed that the speech of Dr. Tupper was a clear and logical refutation of Mr. Howe's arguments. Some sharp cross-fire is expected in the debate on the Governor's Address.

PRESENTATION OF A SWORD.
The officers, non-commissioned officers and privates of the Huron Rifles met at the Ontario Hotel (Monday) evening, for the purpose of witnessing the presentation of a sword to the Hon. Sir John A. Macdonald, who has recently been promoted to the position of Major-General in the 33rd Bat. After reading a very complimentary address, Capt. Hayes presented the Bugle Major with a fine regulation sword, in the name of the Huron Rifles, and the recipient responded in a short speech expressing the deep obligations he had been placed by his officers and fellow volunteers. Then followed a capital lunch and a short season of hilarity passed on such occasion. The whole affair passed off in the best and jolliest manner.

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MOOREHOUSE'S IMPROVATIONS.
In another place will be found an advertisement describing the importations of friend Moorehouse. It is an exaggeration to say that he is the heaviest direct importer of goods in his line outside of Toronto, and we question if any house in that city can compete with him except, perhaps, in staple articles used by printers generally, which it would not pay him to keep. How he ever sells the immense stocks he is in the habit of ordering direct from the English, French, Austrian, and other European Houses is a perfect mystery to us; but he does it, and must make a living profit too, else he could never import as he has done this season. The merchants of Huron and Bruce, we pledge our word for it, cannot do better than deal with Mr. H. in the articles which he advertises so thoroughly. And by the way, advertising has not a little to do with his prosperity.

THE GOVERNOR'S SPEECH.
His Excellency the Governor-General, at 3 o'clock, proceeded in state to the Chamber of the Senate, and having taken his seat upon the Throne, His Excellency commanded the attendance of the House of Commons. The members of that body, preceded by their Speaker, the Hon. James Cookburn, appeared at the bar. The Hon. James Cookburn informed His Excellency that the choice of the House of Commons had fallen upon him to be their Speaker, and he prayed for the members thereof the customary parliamentary privileges, after which His Excellency was pleased to deliver the following speech: *Hon. Gentlemen of the Senate.*