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The recent elections in the Province of Ontario having resulted in the overthrow of the Ross administration, public attention is more than ever directed to the Liberal-Conservative leader, Premier elect J. P. Whitney—on whom the task of forming a new government naturally devolves, and on whose sagacity and statesmanship must depend in a great degree, the tenure of office of the incoming administration.

Hon. James Pliny Whitney was born at Williamsburg, Ont., on October 2, 1843. He is a son of R. L. Whitney who came to America from England, in 1640. He received his early education in the public school of his native place and at Cornwall Grammar School. Later, he entered on the study of Law, and on being admitted to the bar in 1876, he settled down to the practice of his profession in Morrisburg where he has since resided. In 1890 he was made a Q. C. by the Earl of Derby.

Mr. Whitney was first returned to the Ontario Legislature in January, 1888, as member for Dundas, which constituency he still represents. Immediately on his advent to the halls of the Legislature he demonstrated that he was not to be a silent member, and from the first was looked upon as one of the foremost debaters in the house, and a tower of strength to the Opposition. His ability did not go without recognition, and when in April 1896 Mr. Marter retired from the leadership, Mr. Whitney was chosen to succeed him. Time justified the choice and from the date of his assumption of the duties thus imposed on him, down to his recent triumph,