

gold but credit. All the talk about intrinsic values and gold basis is nonsense. The real thing that imparts value to both Canadian and American currency is that they have the credit either of the country or of wealthy corporations behind them.

**THE OTTAWA CABINET'S APPEAL TO ABBOTT.**



DEAR Sir Abbott, we implore you, do not leave us in the lurch, In the face of rising clamor o'er the influence of the Church, Mere suggestion of Sir Thompson for the Premiership appears Sure to raise the very devil of a storm about our ears.

You are sick, we know, and weary of the toil of party strife, And you well may seek retirement from the cares of public life; Gladly would we aid your purpose, but we dare not yet instal

Thompson as the actual Premier—that, we fear, would ruin all.

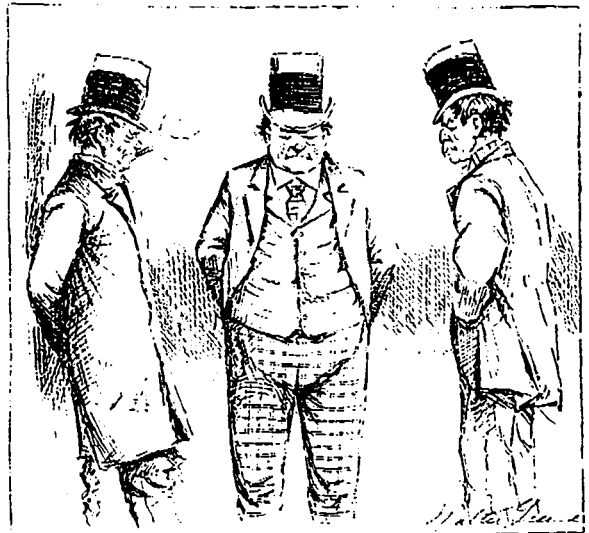
We will give you leave of absence, and however long you're gone We will do the business for you and your stipend will run on; Let no public cares annoy you—heed not shouts of praise or blame, We don't want your able counsel—all we ask for is your name.

Understand the matter fully—we don't ask you to do more Than if you replaced Lord Stanley as the country's governor. Do as little as it suits you—free as air to go or stay, But for any sake continue, we beseech, to draw your pay.

Sir John Thompson will relieve you when you go away from home, Leave him power of attorney to effect a deal with Rome, And to hoodwink Orange bigots who his machinations dread, If you cannot be our captain please remain our figure-head.

Be the kindly mask which veils the scheme by priestly zealots planned, Be the velvet glove that hides the Jesuits' insidious hand, Be the puppet dancing ever to the tune that Rome requires, Focussing the public eye while subtle prelates pull the wires.

So shall Toryism flourish and our vassals true and tried To the honored name of Abbott, still our Premier, point with pride, And the wicked Grit disturbers who would raise sectarian cries, Find themselves repulsed and baffled, spite of their malignant lies.



**MEN WHO BET ON SULLIVAN.**

**THEIR ONLY CHANCE.**

**NEWCOMER**—"Are the guests early risers in this hotel?"

**OLDUN**—"I should say they are. They have to get up early to get the worth of their money."

**BY A MODERN BARD.**

**WHEN** I would sing, I call no muse  
Her rhythmic pinions to unfurl,  
But sit me down and fondly dream  
Of the inspiring summer girl.  
For in her sportive ways I see  
A-muse-ment quite enough for me.

A GREAT man's misdeeds are eccentricities. An ordinary man's eccentricities are sins of the most heinous character.

**LACROSSE TERMS.**



**COVERING HIS MAN.**



**INSIDE HOME.**



**OUTSIDE HOME.**