

during that time ; he was chairman of the Anti-Combined Committee, and is Grand Master of Sovereign Grand Orange Lodge of British North America.

Mr. Wood is a barrister of distinction, Q. C. of both the Dominion and the Province of Ontario, and has been chairman of several important standing committees of the House of Commons.

Mr. Ives, who is the son-in-law of the late Hon. John Henry Pope, has been in the House since the seventies, and has shown on many occasions marked ability, is a powerful speaker, and possesses a knowledge of the Dominion rarely surpassed.

Hon. Ex-Lieutenant Governor Angers is an able and scholarly gentleman, who has been in local and Dominion Parliamentary life since Confederation, and brings to his new duties one of the ablest minds in the Province of Quebec.

Mr. J. J. Curran, Q. C., is also an old parliamentarian, a lawyer of high distinction ; and his representation of a district of Montreal largely Protestant, is an evidence that where he is known best he is trusted equally by Catholics and Protestants alike.

And so the new ministry with its new leader stands ; and the first drop of sorrow in the cup of the "Basswood" party, is their losing the Kent election the other day, a draught which is likely to be followed by still more bitter potions when the electorate are again called upon to choose between a bridge of oak and the slippery make-shift of

a party without a platform, led by a Frenchman and a Catholic, and made up of the disgruntled pessimists of past incompetency and present inefficiency.

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WE have received a recently published pamphlet bearing upon its saffron colored cover the title, "Closest Trade Relations Between the United States and Canada," in comparatively small letters, and a large representation of the pudgy features of the author, who presents his readers gratis with his autograph beneath—Erastus Wiman. We had supposed that with the complete overthrow of his political friends in the United States 'Rastus' had received his quietus ; but "Ras" bobs up again serenely, and this time with the following quotation, also on the cover, from one of his own speeches :

"The election of Mr. Cleveland will indicate that, sooner or later, the shackles will fall from trade, as completely as by the election of Lincoln the chains dropped from the slave. How Canada shall profit by an event of almost equal beneficence, she must herself determine." Also of which might deceive the unwary into believing that Mr. Wiman had all along been a devoted admirer of Democratic principles, instead of the devoted adherent he has always been of the party who close their canals to us and tried to McKinley us into annexation.

"Erastus" we are afraid is shifty, like the Irishman's flea, when you put your hand on him, he isn't there ; and we would attempt to