

the Premiership under the man who had been sent to Spencer-Wood as Lieutenant-Governor."

Therefore, on the 16th December, 1892, Mr. Taillon formed a Cabinet with his former colleagues of the deBoucherville Government and became President of the Executive Council.

There was not much quarreling, publicly, until February, 1895, when Mr. Hall, the Treasurer, made a noisy exit from the Cabinet on account of the conclusion of the famous French loan at 77 cents in the dollar. On the 28th February, 1895, Mr. Taillon became Treasurer and Messrs. Hackett and Morris were added to the Cabinet, the former as President of the Executive Council and the latter as Minister without portfolio.

On the 1st May, 1896, as Mr. Taillon had accepted a portfolio in the Tupper Government, the Lieutenant-Governor called on Mr. Nantel to form a Ministry, but the latter was unable to do so. He had been accepted as a colleague, it is true, but they refused to accept him as leader. The Lieutenant-Governor was then obliged to turn to Mr. Flynn. Accordingly, on the 12th May, 1896, the following Cabinet was sworn in:

Mr. E. J. Flynn, Prime Minister and Commissioner of Public Works; Mr. L. Beaubien, Commissioner of Agriculture; Mr. G. A. Nantel, Commissioner of Crown Lands; Mr. L. P. Pelletier, Attorney-General; Mr. Thomas Chapais, President of the Executive Council; Mr. M. F. Hackett, Provincial Secretary; Mr. A. W. Atwater, Provincial Treasurer.

When this Ministry was formed, so much attention was devoted to the salvation of the Province that Mr. T. C. Casgrain was overlooked in the distribution of portfolios. For-