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God's in His heaven,  
All's right with the world.  
—Browning.

London, Tuesday, May 7.

WHEREIN SIR FRANK SMITH WAS  
MISREPRESENTED BY HIS OWN  
FRIENDS AND THE GOVERNOR-  
GENERAL TREATED MOST OF-  
FENSIVELY.

Hon. Mr. Laurier, in his speech on  
the formation of the Bowell Govern-  
ment, was somewhat severe in his  
criticism of the line of conduct pursued  
by Sir Frank Smith. It is now con-  
tended, and no longer denied, that Sir  
Frank Smith was not to blame for the  
officially-inspired paragraphs which ap-  
peared simultaneously in the various  
Government organs on 15th December  
last. That the statement emanated from  
a Cabinet source is very clearly made  
evident from the three illustrations  
which we herewith give:

The Ottawa Citizen of 15th December  
said:

"Only yesterday afternoon did it  
transpire that previous to calling upon  
the Hon. Mackenzie Bowell on Thurs-  
day night to form a Ministry, his Ex-  
cellency the Governor-General, when  
he sent for Sir F. Smith, consulted with  
him as to the formation of a Govern-  
ment. Sir Frank Smith, while highly  
appreciating the honor, informed his  
Excellency that he had no ambition in  
that direction, and suggested that his  
Excellency should call upon the Hon.  
Mackenzie Bowell as the most suitable  
person to be intrusted with the task  
of forming a new Ministry."

The Toronto Empire of Dec. 15 said:  
"In conversation with the Empire to-  
night, Sir Frank Smith spoke as fol-  
lows: 'It is true that his Excellency  
did me the honor of consulting me as  
to the formation of the new Ministry,  
but I told him at once that I was not  
a candidate for the office of Premier.  
I suggested that he should send for the  
acting Premier, Mr. Bowell. We had  
a long talk, but I do not feel at liberty  
to report what transpired. I think (con-  
tinued Sir Frank Smith) that I could  
not have given his Excellency better  
advice. I have known Mr. Bowell for  
a great many years, and although he  
has been a strong Orangeman, and  
very earnest and outspoken in his op-  
inion, yet I have never known him to say  
an offensive word against Catholics or to  
do anything which they could regard  
as offensive.'"

And the Montreal Gazette of Dec. 15  
had the following:

"It has transpired today that pre-  
vious to the calling of the Hon. Mac-  
kenzie Bowell last night to form a Ministry,  
his Excellency the Governor-General  
sent for Sir Frank Smith and consulted  
with him as to the task of the formation  
of the new Government. Sir Frank  
Smith, while highly appreciating the honor,  
informed his Excellency that he had no  
ambition in that direction, and sug-  
gested that he should call on the Hon.  
Mackenzie Bowell as the most suitable  
person to be intrusted with the task.  
In conversation with the Gazette cor-  
respondent tonight, Sir Frank Smith said:  
'Yes, it is quite true that his Excel-  
lency did me the honor of consulting  
me as to the forming of the new Min-  
istry, but I told him at once that I was  
not a candidate for the office of Prem-  
ier, as it would not suit me. I then sug-  
gested that he should send for the acting  
Premier, Mr. Bowell.'"

If Sir Frank Smith had divulged to  
the newspapers the secrets of the Privy  
Council, as attributed to him, he would  
deserve severe censure. We would be  
loath to believe that a Minister of the  
Crown, who has taken the oath of office  
as a privy councillor, and who has  
sworn to keep secret the counsels of  
the Queen's representative, would, con-  
trary to the provisions of that oath,  
knowingly consent to the interviews  
given in the above paragraphs.

Indeed, we have good reasons for the  
belief that the announcement attrib-  
uted to our former fellow-townsmen was  
not written by him, but was the product  
of another member of the Cabinet. A  
friend of Sir Frank Smith, who is in  
frequent association with him, assures  
us that this is the case, and that it was  
so shown in the House of Commons,  
when a challenge for an explanation  
of the published interview was avoided  
by the Government leader. The docu-  
ment, as prepared for publication in  
Cabinet circles, was in fact shown to  
Sir Frank Smith, who gave his hasty  
consent to the publication of its con-  
tents. We are now told that the full  
effect of what these paragraphs con-  
tain was not realized by him in the hur-  
ried way in which the information was  
imparted to him.

What was the motive for this unpre-  
cedented course? It is to be found in  
the fact that a section of the Cabinet  
insisted on Mr. Bowell becoming Prem-  
ier, and we do him no injustice when  
we say that he was himself among the  
number who favored the arrangement.  
Some fears were entertained by him  
and his friends with regard to his ac-  
ceptability to the Roman Catholic so-

tion of the Conservative party, as he  
was not only past grand master of the  
Orange Order, but had personally been  
known to entertain strong prejudices.  
We may give an instance of this. At the  
time when Manitoba was admitted into  
the Dominion, Mr. Bowell made an at-  
tack upon Father Richot, one of the  
delegates upon behalf of Manitoba,  
whom he sarcastically described as  
"the meek and lowly priest who had  
actively labored to prevent a repre-  
sentative of the Crown from entering  
the Northwest country."

It is not surprising, then, that it  
should occur to Mr. Bowell and his  
friends that a certificate from Sir  
Frank Smith, in which he was de-  
scribed as "one who had never made  
himself offensive to the Roman Catholic  
population," should be sent abroad on  
the eve of his appointment. In order  
to strengthen him with a section of his  
party, with whom otherwise he might  
not stand well. And so Sir Frank  
Smith's name, and his alleged "call"  
by the Governor-General were used in a  
most reprehensible manner, inconsis-  
tent with his duty as a Privy Councillor,  
and in the highest degree offensive to  
her Majesty's representative.

When the present Secretary of State  
published a manifesto, to which her  
Majesty's name was attached, express-  
ing to her Indian children in Hal-  
dmand how much she would be obliged  
if they would vote for Dr. Montague,  
a use was made of the name of the  
sovereign not unlike that which has  
been made, in this case, of his Excel-  
lency the Governor-General. Lord Ab-  
erdeen has been represented by mem-  
bers of the Cabinet as possessing so  
little knowledge of Canadian affairs,  
and as being so ill-qualified to judge  
of the capacity, fitness and experience  
of men as to have sent for Sir Frank  
Smith to form a Government, though  
his Excellency must have known that  
with Sir Frank Smith political affairs  
have always occupied a subordinate  
place. It is true that his Excellency  
did not make a remarkably happy  
choice when he sent for the present  
Premier, but when one considers the  
material which the majority in Parlia-  
ment places at his disposal just now,  
we do not pretend to say that he could  
have done better.

## A SWINDLER'S WELCOME HOME.

Jabez Balfour, Ex-M.P., Brought to  
London for Trial.

Great Crowds Assemble to See Him But  
Are Baffled—Balfour Arraigned.

London, May 6.—Jabez Spencer Bal-  
four, the absconding ex-member of Parlia-  
ment, who is responsible for the col-  
lapse of the Liberator Building associa-  
tion and other companies, whereby  
thousands of investors were ruined,  
was landed at Southampton docks this  
morning. When the steamer Tartar  
Prince, upon which Balfour has  
brought Buenos Ayres, arrived in  
the harbor a custom house launch im-  
mediately went to her aid. Balfour was  
transferred to her and landed. A tug  
containing 60 press representatives  
sought to board the Tartar Prince, but  
was not allowed to do so. Meanwhile  
the detectives on board the customs  
launch avoided the docks, which were  
crowded with excited people, and land-  
ed Balfour at Netley wharf. The  
landing was quietly made, and Bal-  
four was put on board a train without  
being noticed, and started for London  
at 7.45.

Arriving in London, the train was  
stopped at Vauxhall station, and Bal-  
four, instead of being taken to the  
Waterloo station, where an immense  
crowd was awaiting his arrival, was  
transferred to a cab and driven to the  
Drew street police station. The ex-  
pectant crowds were baffled at every  
point, and not one of them was gratified  
in catching a glimpse of the prisoner.  
Balfour was immediately put into the  
prisoner's dock and charges were for-  
mally lodged against him. He appeared  
to be in good health, but was down-  
cast and taciturn.

Balfour, upon being arraigned, was  
remanded until May 9.

## WESTERN ONTARIO.

Preston's assessment returns an in-  
crease in population of 143, being 13 per  
cent.

Sarnia proposes to have a military  
demonstration on May 24, and to have  
the Twenty-Seventh Battalion in a pile.  
David Bovington, a clever student of  
the third year at the Woodstock College,  
met with a serious accident on Friday  
while playing football. When checking  
another player, both bones of his leg  
between the knee and foot were broken.

There is a great string of bicycle ride-  
rs training on the track at Sarnia. Re-  
sident the Brantford trio, McLeod, David-  
son and Gibbons, there are also Fred  
Loughhead, E. B. Phelps and James Shil-  
linglaw, of Sarnia; Leslie Rawley, of  
Port Huron; Harry Porter, of Wayne;  
A. F. Little, of London; and Harley, of  
Petrolia. The men are getting into  
first-class shape.

A number of changes have been made  
among the agents on the L. E. and D. R.  
R. through the resignation of Agent  
Wheatley, at Blenheim, who is going to  
Wheatley, W. Stokes, Merlin, who was  
formerly connected with Leamington  
station, goes to Blenheim; Agent An-  
derson, Coatsworth, goes to Merlin;  
Agent Toll, Sandison, goes to Coats-  
worth, and Sullivan, for some time  
assistant at Leamington goes to San-  
dison. Edward Liddle takes Mr. Sul-  
livan's place.

Nothing impure or injurious contam-  
inates the popular antidote to pain,  
throat and lung remedy, a general  
corrective, Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil.  
It may be used without the slightest  
apprehension of any other than salutary  
consequences. Coughs, rheumatism,  
earaches, bruises, cuts and sores sub-  
cumb to its action.

Commend a fool for his wit or a knave  
for his honesty and he will receive you  
into his bosom.

How to Cure All Skin Diseases.

Simply apply "Swayne's Ointment."  
No internal medicine required. Cures  
tetter, eczema, itch, all eruptions on  
the face, hands, nose, etc., leaving the  
skin clear, white and healthy. Its great  
healing and curative powers are pos-  
sessed by no other remedy. Ask your  
druggist for "Swayne's Ointment." Ely-  
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sets with bevel plate mirrors for \$9,  
\$11 and \$12? They are the delight of  
everyone that sees them. 127 King  
street, opposite Market House.

## House and Lobby

Who Owns the Old Carling Brewery and How It Is  
Financed for Government Use—Report on Western  
Militia Corps—Some Odd Episodes in the Commons  
—Confessions as to the Manitoba School Question  
—Wholesale Disfranchisement Advocated.

Specially Telegraphed by Our Own Representative.  
Ottawa, May 6.—There was a good  
deal of skeptical laughter when some  
of the answers were given to Mr. Mc-  
Mullen's question regarding the old Car-  
ling brewery in London in the Commons  
this afternoon. The Minister of Militia  
said it was leased from John Christie;  
that it is used for military stores and  
as a residence for Col. Dawson. The  
Government has not purchased it, or  
promised to do so, but has leased it  
for ten years, at a rental of \$720 a year.  
The Government had spent \$1,000 in re-  
pairing the building, but it does not  
know that the property until lately be-  
longed to Sir John Carling.

In reply to Mr. Lister, who asked if  
it is the intention to have the annual  
drill and militia camps this year, the  
Minister said that was the present in-  
tention. This is not very candid, for  
not a dollar is provided for this service  
in the estimates.

In reply to Mr. Lowell, the Customs  
Controller said the collectorship of  
customs at Niagara has been vacant  
since March last year, and that an ap-  
pointment will soon be made. No one  
has been promised it.

There will be no revision of the Do-  
minion voters' lists this year.

Mr. Campbell was informed that the  
Government had been made aware that  
the street piling constructed on Mc-  
Gregor's creek, Chatham, is giving way.  
A promise to soon repair it was made.

Mr. McCarthy asked whether the Min-  
ister of Works caused to be published  
the following dispatch in La Presse  
newspaper:

"Ottawa, April 5.—You are author-  
ized to deny absolutely false  
rumor published in the Herald that  
Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper demanded  
from his colleagues that remedial leg-  
islation should be postponed until after  
the general elections, if such legislation  
was rendered necessary by the refusal  
of Manitoba. In the latter case it will  
be presented with the shortest possible  
delay, in order to secure its passage."  
—A. QUIMET.

Mr. Outmet replied "Yes."  
Mr. McCarthy further asked if it was  
true that the Minister of Public Works  
said at the nomination in Vercheres  
that Dominion Ministers were un-  
willing to pass a remedial  
law, and had further said: "Some have  
left our ranks, more will leave, but it  
will not prevent the Government from  
carrying out its purpose. I ask you to  
forgoing out its purpose. I ask you to  
God." Mr. McCarthy asked: "Whether  
in these statements of the Minister of  
Public Works the policy of the Govern-  
ment was correctly defined?"

Mr. Outmet evaded a direct reply as  
to the speech, but explained that he  
stated the policy of the Government  
was to be guided by the law and the  
constitution. "I stated that the policy  
of the Government was correctly de-  
fined in that declaration," said Mr.  
Quimet.

Mr. McCarthy next asked: "Whether,  
if the remedial order which the Gov-  
ernor-General-in-Council had passed with  
reference to the Manitoba school ques-  
tion is not executed by the Legislature  
of that Province, this Parliament will  
be invested with authority or jurisdic-  
tion to pass or enact a law or laws to  
carry out the decision of the Governor-  
General-in-Council embodied in the re-  
medial order?"

Hon. Mr. Tupper read from the of-  
ficial report of the case at Ottawa, and  
opinion by Mr. McCarthy, one of the  
counsel, as to what would follow if  
Manitoba declined to submit to Otta-  
wa's demand that separate schools be  
again established in Manitoba. The ef-  
fect was that the power of the Domini-  
on to act arose when Manitoba defini-  
tely refuses, and that the power is a  
legislative authority to be exercised like  
any of the other legislative authori-  
ties conferred by section 91 of the B.  
N. A. Act.

There was much laughter on both  
sides when Sir Hibbert Tupper thus an-  
swered Mr. McCarthy from McCarthy. Sub-  
sequently the Minister and Mr. Mc-  
Carthy had a conference.

Mr. Smith (Ontario) moved that the  
Government should engage the services  
of one or more competent veterinary  
surgeons to examine and report on the  
health of Canadian cattle herds, so as  
to convince the British Government  
that Canadian animals were free from  
disease.

Dr. Sproule seconded the motion, and  
the question dropped after Dr. Mon-  
tague had stated that an offer of this  
kind had already been declined by the  
British authorities.

Nearly the whole of the afternoon  
was taken up in discussing the opinion  
by Mr. Mills (Annapolis) disfranchising  
every man who two years previous  
to a Dominion election has been paid  
for any service whatsoever by any  
Provincial Government, who may dis-  
franchise any employee of the Dominion  
Government.

This is a motion which was fully dis-  
cussed last year, the mover then, as  
now, arguing that disfranchisement was  
a great wrong, and stated that he only  
favored retaliation. The motion is  
specially aimed at the Nova Scotia Gov-  
ernment and Mr. McIsaac, who cap-  
tured Sir John Thompson's seat in  
Antigonish, made his maiden speech  
in reply to Mr. Mills.

Mr. McIsaac said that the Nova Scotia  
law disqualifying certain officials had  
been on the statute books since 1871,  
and had been generally ignored by the  
people. It disfranchised Indorsed by the  
people as Dominion officials. Mr. McIsaac  
said that Mr. Mills' greatest trouble  
was that Nova Scotia was Liberal, and  
had again so voted. It would do so  
in Dominion affairs in the near  
future. That was the trouble with  
Mr. Mills and his friends.

Mr. Tiedale defended Mr. Mills, and  
argued that one wrong should not be  
remedied by legalizing another.  
Mr. Davies said it was remarkable  
that an aspirant to a Cabinet position  
should bring himself down so low as to  
vote for what he declares to be a vicious  
and immoral practice as a retaliatory  
measure. Mr. Mills was not in earnest  
in this matter.

"I am strongly in earnest now," said  
Mr. Mills.  
"Perhaps so," said Mr. Davies: "he  
would disfranchise every Liberal be-  
cause he opposes his views."  
"That is personal," retorted Mr. Mills,  
"and I repeat it."

You can't stop the crowd. They  
won't be switched off, they  
are going

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goods at 25 cents.

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Every time a leader at 5c, 6½c, 7½c, 10c and  
12½c.

## Spot Muslins

High quality and low price prevail here  
to a degree hitherto unknown. See these fine  
Muslins at 7½c, 8½c, 10c, 12½c, 15c, 18c, 20c.

White Piques and Brilliants, very choice  
goods, at 12½c, 15c, 20c, 25c, also with pin  
dots of blue and pink, at 20c.

## Linen Department

Unbleached Table Linen, special value,  
at 25c, 27c, 30c, 35c, 40c, 45c, 50c, 65c,  
Bleached Table Damask, fine qualities, at  
35c, 45c, 50c, 60c, 65c, 75c, \$1.

## TOWELS

Large All Linen Huck Towels at 7½c,  
8½c, 10c, 12½c, 15c, 18c, 25c.

## BATH TOWELS

Large size, great water drinkers, at 10c,  
12½c, 15c, 20c, 25c, 30c, 38c, 45c.

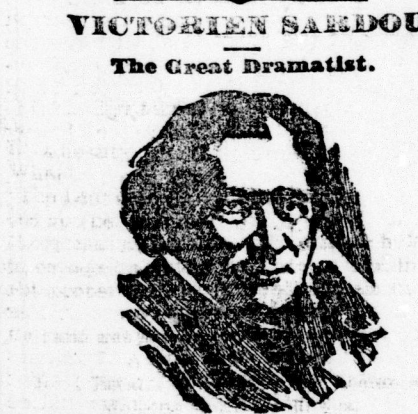
## TOWELLING

Linen Roller Towelling, 5c, 6½c, 7½c, 8c,  
10c; Linen Huck Towelling, 10c, 12½c, 15c,  
20c; Turkish Towelling, 10c, 12½c, 20c, 25c.

## GLASS TOWELLING

Red and blue check, all linen, at 5c, 6½c,  
8½c, 10c, 12½c. Butcher Linen, 12½c, 18c, 20c  
and 25c.

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VICTORIEN SARDOU  
The Great Dramatist.

The mobile features of this great man are  
seen above. Sardou is the great wizard of  
the stage, clothing his characters in flesh  
and blood, and making them live. He  
makes, not mummies, but men and women,  
as witnesses the realistic portrayals of Bern-  
hardt, chiefly the master's thought.  
When body and brain are weary with work,  
anything that will drive away the blues  
must possess a great value. It is the ver-  
dict of Sardou that "Vin Mariani," the  
great tonic-stimulant, possesses this subtle  
power. This is what the great man says:  
"Vin Mariani" is perfect, gives health,  
drives away the blues, and is of such ex-  
cellent quality that whoever tastes it might  
almost desire to be forever debilitated and  
depressed, thus to have a pretext to drink  
it." Celebrated men and women, the world  
over, have spoken similarly of the stimu-  
lating, nourishing effects of "Vin Mariani"  
upon body and brain. A preparation from  
pure grapes and carefully selected coca  
leaves, "Vin Mariani" is more tonic than  
quinine, and yet it never constipates. For  
the convalescent it is invaluable; for all  
suffered people, it has a magic restorative  
property. Send your name to Lawrence A.  
Wilson & Co., Montreal, the Canadian  
Agents, and you will receive an album con-  
taining the portraits of a large number of  
celebrated people, who have used "Vin  
Mariani" with wonderful results, and who  
speak highly of it.

"Does Morrison know anything about  
music?" "He knows that the correct  
pronunciation is 'Vogner'."

Mr. Thomas Ballard, Syracuse, N. Y.,  
writes: "I have been afflicted for nearly a  
year with that most-to-be-dreaded disease  
Dyspepsia, and at times worn out with pain  
and want of sleep, and after trying almost  
everything recommended, I tried one box of  
Farnes' Valuable Pills. I am now nearly  
well, and believe they will cure me. I  
would not be without them for any money."

Speaking of famous old people, Lot's  
wife was remarkably well preserved.  
Give Holloway's Corn Cure a trial. It  
removed ten corns from one pair of  
feet without any pain. What it has  
done once it will do again.

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formed. DR. ZIEGLER, dentist, 192-1-2  
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