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Bennett, W. H. (East Simcoe)—3586.

The present premier was not in a position to know that either intended to resign his seat—3586. I am going to strengthen the cabinet in Ontario. I am going to bring in a big man, in the person of Mr. Aylesworth—3587. It is to-day a notorious fact that Mr. Sutherland is not coming back to this House—3588. This government are so much in terror of the Ontario electorate that they dare not open the seat in London to-day—3589. In like manner, when this government does go to the people it will have as little chance as it expects to have in Centre Toronto—3590.

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During many months we have not had in this House the presence of the Minister of Public Works—3555. He has been absent from his duties in parliament and from his duties in the department for a very long time—3556. The cause assigned for the resignation of the Minister of the Interior was not the true cause—3557. A very strong rumour that Mr. Sifton was not so absolutely ignorant of the terms of this measure—3558. I have been informed that the work of that department is practically at a standstill for the lack of a responsible minister—3559. Here are two-thirds of the cabinet not in harmony with

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the other one-third—3560. I do not observe in anything which has been suggested by Laurier any reason why the portfolio of the Interior should not be filled—3561. I ask him to announce to the House and to the country what the difficulties really are—3562. We are about to pass a very important Bill with regard to those Territories—3565.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—3566.

The affairs of the country are over and superior to all these—3566. Sifton, who was the minister, has been away from that department for a considerable length of time—3567. As he himself says, this is the most momentous of questions before the House—3568. Yet he does not fill the vacant position, and he does not give us any valid reason why—3569.

Hughes, Sam. (Victoria, Ont.)—3569.

The principle that there must be a responsible minister for the district had not been engrafted on the constitution—3569-70. Sutherland has asked the Prime Minister to accept his resignation—3571. The case of the Minister of Public Works was entirely different. Hyman is not technically qualified—3572.