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PEPYS BEHIND THE SCENES. May 10th .- The greatest news today of an Opposition Party to be formed, as I did say in my journal of yesterday, and a meeting to-night to choose a leader. So the greatest en citement all the day, and the oddest circulated. But indeed while all do wish for W. Monroe to lead the new party, much uncertainty of his coming, and not until lunch time does he make his decision. The names of the new ministers given out to-day; but what is most extraordin ary, no less than three of them, to ing the standard of public morality wit, W. Cave, A. Barnes, and Dr. For bes, from the District of Bonavista Whiteway and Bond, but he will have and is, indeed, a sign that Sir W. Coaker has still an interest in poli ance of every honest man in the ticks. Dr. Mosdell to be of the Cabal country to strengthen his hands. The also, and like to lead the Upper people are sick of public waste and House for the Government, if they corruption and are crying out every- be elected, of which there is now where against it. Most of the men much doubt. At night, to the Casino who have lately been sworn in as playhouse, there to see W. Monroe members of the new government are named as leader of the Opposition the very ones who by their silence and the greatest crowd there that tacitly allowed dishonest and corrup- ever I did see in any building at the tion to go on under Squires and one time. Mr. F. W. Ayre presiding. Coaker. Through indifference or fear Mr. W. Peters proposes Mr. Monroe of their political bosses they failed to and Mr. Browne, the Attorney, that do their duty to their country. Mor- was last year a Squires' man in Pla ally every one of them should be held centia, seconds the resolution which responsible for the shocking state of is carried beyond all reason for doubtaffairs disclosed by the Walker re- ing. So Mr. Monroe being sent for port and should never again be elect- he makes a pretty discourse, albeit ed to the House of Assembly. In a methinks it would be to his advan few short weeks the people will be tage did he lay more emphasis upon called upon to elect good men and his important points. All the people true to rule them for the next four pleased with him and cheer mightily years. The issue should be placed So Mr. Higgins speaks and promises clearly before them. It is apparent his support to Monroe, and after him to every person that the strictest Mr. Russell, Mr. Mitchell and Mr. econonmy will have to be practiced if Green. So the meeting ends. amid this country is to become fit to live further cheers for the new leader. So in and retain its independence as home, with Povey, in his motor coach, Britain's oldest Colony. We have and to stay awhile to discourse with of dollars out of the revenue without May 11ht (Lord's Day)-Ley long, giving up anything of adequate value being a fine day but cold, my wife goin return. For the present I will ing to church in my stead, which is a take two instances. Why should the thing I would have her do always, but people of this country be paying Sir the wretch do now say she will have Patrick McGrath and Dr. Mosdell me go with her every second Sunday. thousands of dollars annually? What The news of the election mighty scarce, but it is certain how the new party will make a stiff fight of it. and indeed, have the most of their men placed in each district. My wife nagging at me to-day to have our motor coach out, albeit I doubt if it will go being mildewed with age, allmost, but I did promise her to see what may be done about it. Home and realing all the evening in the book of his travels

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