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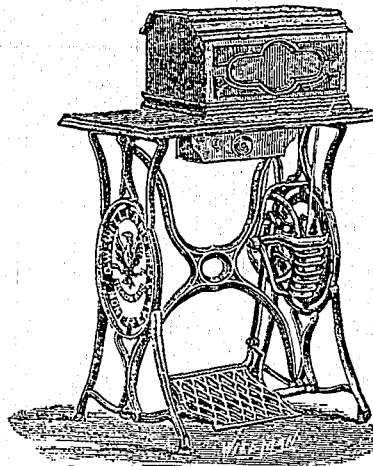
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**THE MINISTERIAL EXPLANATIONS.**

Since the resignation or dismissal of the late Treasurer of Quebec, Mr. Robert son, there have been a variety of rumors as to the cause, and it was imagined that on the meeting of the Legislature the exact truth would be ascertained. The very unusual, indeed we may affirm, the unpre-

cedented, course has been taken of refusing explanation, and at the same time of endeavoring to throw the responsibility of such refusal on the Lieutenant-Governor personally. This of course is out of the question. The Ministry as a whole must be responsible for the refusal of information, which the public has a right to demand, and the majority in the Assembly which supports the administration in its refusal, must share that responsibility. The instances are rare in which a retiring Minister has been refused permission to explain in Parliament the cause of his separation from a Government, and the