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SOMEHOW or other the Grits of Ontario who would not admit before the 25th of January that they had been in power long enough, are now saying with one voice, "Well, 33 years is long enough. We had everything that was coming to us, and it's their turn". The Liberal government, representing a political party that had held office and dispensed patronage for 33 years went out of business Feb. 7, 1905. The following day Mr. J. P. Whitney, the Conservative leader in the province of Ontario was called on to form a government, accepted the task, and succeeded. Mr. Whitney was elected leader of the Opposition in 1896, and he is entitled to the credit of leading a minority with great vigor for nearly nine years, and getting abused all the time by his friends because he did not succeed in turning out the government. It's his turn now, and those within the party who condemned him in past years like organizer A. W. Wright, will have to crawl and say that "Premier" Whitney is a much greater man than Mr. J. P. Whitney of Morrisburg.

Mr. Whitney's cabinet slate was all made up and it was given out Feb. 8 as follows:

Premier and Attorney General—Hon. J. P. Whitney.

Minister of Education—Hon. R. A. Pyne.

Commissioner of Public Works—Hon. Jos. O. R-naume.

Provincial secretary—Hon. W. J. Hanna.

Treasurer—Hon. A. J. Matheson.

Minister of Agriculture—Hon. S. N. Monteith.

Commissioner of Crown Lands—Hon. J. J. Foy.

This is regarded as a pretty fair cabinet with the exceptions of Dr. Pyne and Matheson, weak men. Without portfolio there are Messrs. Adam Beck, of London, J. S. Hendrie, of Hamilton, and W. A. Willoughby, of Colborne.

It is to be hoped now that the daily press will not be so pig headed as to go on referring to Mr. George W. Ross, M. P. P., as the "Hon." G. W. Ross. The rule is clear as laid down on page 434 of Maguire's Parliamentary Guide, that "Executive Councillors of the Provinces to be