

Deacon, Grange, Merrick, and Prince. Mr. E. B. Wood also voted against his former colleagues.

The Government immediately resigned, and Mr. Blake was called upon to form a Ministry, and great was the surprise of the country to learn that Mr. Scott, who resigned the Speakership, was included in the Ministry as Commissioner of Crown Lands.

A most acrimonious debate took place in the Assembly over Mr. Wood's resignation from the Cabinet, the accusation being made that a corrupt bargain had been entered into between Mr. Blake—the leader of the Opposition—and Mr. Wood, by which the latter was to resign his portfolio, and in effect abandon and betray his colleagues. During the debate Mr. Blake had written on a piece of paper the words "Speak now," and sent it by a page to Mr. Wood, who after reading tore it in two and dropped it into a cuspidor. A member of the House rescued it from oblivion, and having joined the pieces together had the document photographed and distributed amongst the members.

The press of the day gave a synopsis of Mr. Wood's reply to the accusations made against him, and one can imagine the vigor with which with his powerful voice he hurled the epithets across the floor of the Assembly against his then enemies, whom only a few days before had been his personal friends and political confidants.

Mr. Ferguson, South Simcoe, said that in justification of himself he had made this explanation. He pitied the honorable member for South Brant from his very heart. He believed he was just as wretched