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THE WORK OF PARLIAMENT.

IRISH LAND QUESTION WILL BE DEALT WITH.

The King Present and Opened the House—A Brilliant Assemblage Witnessed the Ceremony.

London, Feb. 18.—Taxation is the word which sums up the programme of the new session of Parliament. Fifteen years ago the owners of Irish lands would have accepted a twenty years' purchase with a feeling of relief. They are now counting upon a twenty-five years' purchase, and are expecting cash payments. Their anticipations may not be fulfilled literally, but the intervention of the State in the transfer of the land will be an expensive process. Economy is whistled down the wind in the King's speech when an increase in expenditures for the empire is inevitable. London taxpayers are singled out for increased burdens. The new education bill implies a higher school rate in the metropolis, and the London docks bill, while essential to the prosperity of East London, will involve largely increased local taxation. The famous cream horses, with their gorgeous trappings, may precede the State chariot on the opening day of Parliament, but when the King's speech is read the long-suffering taxpayer identifies himself with Issachar couching under his burden, and longing for rest.

The ceremonial parade from Buckingham Palace to Westminster has become so familiar a spectacle that it excites only languid interest. It was well managed in consequence of frequent rehearsals, and the Foot Guards lined up in the Mall and in Whitehall with unswerving brilliancy, the weather being clear and the sky cloudless. The crowds of spectators were large, but not markedly demonstrative, as the royal carriages and the State coach passed slowly by with an escort of Horse Guards. The Duke of Portland's was the only missing figure. The other Court functionaries were in their usual places, and the procession was splendidly horsed and dressed. The Duchess of Buccleuch, the Countess Dowager Lytton and Miss Knollys were handsomely gowned, but the Queen, in purple and ermine, with a wonderful lace veil and a small diamond crown, was unrivalled in grace and beauty.

The scene in the House of Lords was more brilliant than when the last session of Parliament was opened by the King and Queen. Peeresses were present in full force, many wore the coronation robes which were seen at the Abbey, and all had beautiful faces and jewels. The tableaus formed by the King and Queen, the pages and Court functionaries, the heralds, pursuivants, sword-bearer and the Lord Chancellor, was arranged more artistically than before, and the crown diamonds flashed from a sumptuous cushion. There were hitches in the ceremonial, for while the Duke of Devonshire knelt correctly and the Marquis of Londonderry posed well with his magnificent sword, somebody blundered, and there was an awkward pause before the Black Rod was despatched to summon the Commons.

The King read his speech in a full, clear voice, without a sign of physical weakness. He looked extremely well, and did not require prompting at any turn of the proceedings. The House of Lords, with masses of crimson in the Peers' and Peeresses' robes, and with a blaze of gold brocade and the quarterings of the Court officials' robes, was a splendid spectacle. The Queen has seldom looked so handsome, nor the King possessed of an air of greater distinction.

Both Houses reassembled at 4 o'clock for the debate on the address, and in the Lords there was a large attendance. Among the early arrivals was Lord Salisbury, who made his first appearance at Westminster since he dropped the mantle of the Premiership upon the shoulders of his nephew. The Prince of Wales followed Lord Salisbury, and the new Archbishop of Canterbury was introduced and signed the roll as the Primate of all England.

The address was soon agreed to in the House of Lords, and in the lower House the debate would have been dull enough but for the slashing attack on the Government made by Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman. The Liberal leader was particularly merry at the expense of Lord Cranborne, whom he described as "inheriting the habit of blazing indiscretion," and he went at great length into the Venezuelan and other foreign questions, putting a formidable string of interrogations to those subjects to the Prime Minister. He pointed out that there was no mention of Germany in the King's speech and gravely attributed the omission to a printer's error. Lord Opposition cheers greeted his protest against the German alliance. Where he parted company with the Government, he said was in the adamant bonds with which it bound this country to Germany in regard to Venezuela.

CANADA AND JAMAICA.

New Fast Direct Steamship Service Profitable.

Kingston, Jan. 18.—The Legislature has adopted a resolution authorizing the Government to pay \$12,500 annually towards a subsidy for establishing a new fast direct steamship service between Canada and Jamaica. It is expected the Colonial Secretary, Sidney Olivier, will go to Ottawa shortly for the purpose of making definite arrangements.

RIDLEY.

Mr. and Mrs. B. G. Fisher, of Wallaceburg, spent Sunday at the home of the former's parents. Mrs. R. Ridley visited her sister in Leamington last week. S. Jacobs intends buying Mrs. R. Watson's lot. Colds are all the go around here now. Mrs. Jas. Bonner spent last week in Ridgetown.

THINK IT OVER

Something you can see in any Restaurant or Cafe

A physician puts the query: Have you never noticed in any large restaurant at lunch or dinner time the large number of hearty, vigorous old men at the tables; men whose ages run from 60 to 80 years; many of them bald and all perhaps gray, but none of them feeble or senile?

Perhaps the spectacle is so common as to have escaped your observation or comment, but nevertheless it is an object lesson which means something. If you will notice what these hearty old fellows are eating you will observe that they are not munching bran crackers nor gingerly picking their way through a menu card of new fangled health foods; on the contrary they seem to prefer a juicy roast of beef, a properly turned loin of mutton, and even the deadly broiled lobster is not altogether ignored. The point of all this is that a vigorous old age depends upon good digestion and plenty of wholesome food and not upon dieting and an endeavor to live upon bran crackers.

There is a certain class of food cranks who seem to believe that meat, coffee, and many other good things are rank poisons, but these cadaverous, sickly looking individuals are a walking condemnation of their own theories.

The matter in a nutshell is that if the stomach secretes the natural digestive juices in sufficient quantity any wholesome food will be promptly digested; if the stomach does not do so, and certain foods cause distress one or two of Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets after each meal will remove all difficulty because they supply just what every weak stomach lacks, pepsin, hydro-chloric acid, diastase and nux.

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FOR THE COMMONS.

North Grey Candidates Nominated at Owen Sound.

Owen Sound, Feb. 18.—The nomination of candidates to contest the riding of North Grey in the bye-election for the Dominion House, to be held Feb. 24th, took place at noon at the Court House yesterday. The usual formalities were gone through. The proclamation and writ of election were read by Sheriff Charles H. Moore, returning officer, and nominations called for. Mr. Matthew Kennedy of Owen Sound, iron founder, was nominated as the Liberal candidate. Although only 25 names are required by law to appear on the nomination paper, about two hundred electors, including many well-known merchants, manufacturers, farmers and workmen, prominent Liberals of the riding, signed Mr. Kennedy's nomination.

Mr. T. I. Thomson of Owen Sound, merchant, was the Conservative nominee. The statutory deposit of \$200 was made in each case, and Mr. W. J. Hutton, barrister, was named as financial agent of Mr. Kennedy and Mr. Thomas Vicars, merchant, agent for Mr. Thomson.

To-night in the Town Hall Mr. D. C. Fraser, M.P., of Guysboro' and Hon. Peter Macdonald of Wingham addressed a large meeting of the electors in the interests of the Liberal candidate.

THE ALASKA COMMISSION.

Canada Pressing to Have Two Representatives.

Ottawa, Feb. 18.—The Dominion Government desires that two of the three British representatives who are to sit on the Alaska judicial tribunal shall be Canadians, and is urging that view upon the Imperial authorities. It is not known how the British Government regards this proposal, but it is hoped that his Majesty's advisers in London will agree to carry out Canada's wishes. Until the point has been settled nothing will be done.

In the event of Canada's application being accepted to the question of selecting two jurists of eminence would arise. There is no question but that, if circumstances permitted, the Prime Minister would be best qualified to represent the Dominion. But an important session of Parliament is about to open, which will render it necessary for the Premier to remain in Ottawa for some months. Then there is the great personal inconvenience which a journey to London and a prolonged stay in the British capital would involve. There seems to be a strong impression, however, that if Canada is given two representatives Mr. Justice Armour will be one. The employment of counsel will be necessary, and Hon. Edward Blake is almost certain to receive a brief as leader. A scientific expert will probably be appointed to advise the British section of the tribunal, and doubtless this honor will fall to the lot of Mr. W. F. King, Dominion Astronomer. Washington dispatches have made it appear that the United States jurists will be Hon. Elihu Root and Messrs. Lodge and Turner. No official notification of the appointment of these gentlemen has reached Ottawa, or had not up to a very recent period, and there is a disposition to cast doubt upon the genuineness of the Washington announcement.

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MUNICIPALITIES UNITE.

Conference at Berlin Decide to Ask Government to Undertake Electrical and Power Transmission, and Failing That to Empower Municipalities to Co-operate.

Berlin, Feb. 18.—Not in many years has there been held a meeting fraught with greater import to the municipalities of Ontario than that of municipal and manufacturing representatives assembled here to the number of over ninety to discuss ways and means of insuring to all consumers cheap electrical energy. The municipalities represented were Toronto, Stratford, St. Thomas, Hamilton, Guelph, Ingersoll, St. Catharines, London, Galt, Dundas, Waterloo, Brantford, Berlin, Bridgeport, Woodstock, St. Mary's, and in addition there were present representatives from several Boards of Trade of the shire municipalities, and a deputation from the Toronto branch of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association. The meeting decided by a large majority to urge the Government to undertake through a commission the transmission of power to municipalities, and as an alternative, if not willing to undertake the work itself, to empower the municipalities to co-operate, and by means of a commission, develop or buy, transmit and sell electric energy, and an influential deputation, representing all the municipalities, was appointed to urge that course upon the Government. The opposition to that course was based on the claim that there was not before the meeting sufficient information; that electrical transmission was in its infancy and its future uncertain, and the cry was also raised that Toronto was trying to get special advantages over other municipalities and "hog the whole thing." The principal exponents of the course adopted were Chairman E. W. B. Snyder of St. Jacobs; Mayor Urquhart and Ald. Spence, Toronto; Mayor Maxwell, St. Thomas; Mayor Beck, London, and Ald. Carter, Guelph.

MANITOBA LEGISLATURE.

Debate on the Address in Reply has Commenced.

Winnipeg, Feb. 18.—In the Manitoba Legislature yesterday the debate on the speech from the throne commenced, the mover and seconder of the address in reply being Mr. Hugh Armstrong, Portage la Prairie, and Mr. S. W. McInnis, Brandon. Mr. Greenway followed, criticizing Premier Roblin on transportation matters, and called him to account for his protectionist utterances at the Monk banquet in Montreal. He quoted instances in which the tariff had been lowered by the Federal Government, showing how western Canada would suffer if changes were made on the basis of the United States tariff, advocated by Mr. Roblin. He did not believe that the people of this country wished further to contribute to the wealth of the manufacturers, and "pay a little more," as Mr. Roblin represented. Mr. Greenway also spoke on the reduction of interest on the school lands funds from 6 to 5 per cent., made by the Dominion Government.

ion Government, showing it did not amount to much.

Mr. Roblin followed in a strong protectionist speech, saying he was glad of the opportunity to repeat what he formerly said. He denied that he had made the statement in Montreal that the people of Manitoba were willing to pay a little more, but he did say they were in favor of the National Policy. He reiterated that he believed in protection, and if the United States had built up a great nation by their tariff, we could not pay them a higher compliment than by copying it.

CLARK BARY'S DEATH.

The Jury Find Culpable Negligence on the Father's Part.

Collingwood, Feb. 18.—The Coroner's inquest on the body of Janet Clark was resumed yesterday. The jury found that "her death was caused through strychnine poison, but as to how the strychnine found its way into the stomach is to them unknown. The evidence shows culpable negligence on the part of the deceased child's father in placing poisoned cheese within her reach. They also take this opportunity of strongly condemning the rapidly growing practice of insuring the lives of young children, and would suggest that legislation should be enacted at an early date prohibiting this class of insurance." The child's father has been discharged from custody.

SHOULD COME TO CANADA.

Work For Those Who Are Not Afraid Of It.

London, Feb. 18.—The Deputy Minister of the Interior, J. A. Smart, who has arrived here on an emigration mission, occupied all day Monday receiving journalists who were eager for the latest information about Canada. Several interviews appeared in the evening journals. Mr. Smart insists that Canada wants first and foremost the help of British people in building up a strong right arm for the mother country. He emphatically denies all suggestions that the new American settlers in the northwest may prove disloyal. Mr. Smart is preparing a scheme for large emigration of army reservists who have returned from South Africa. Canada originally asked the War Office to pay these men's passage, but the War Office argued that Canada should pay it. The Government scheme now is to suggest a compromise. Lord Dundonald urgently supports the proposal in view of the addition of effective soldiers the scheme would give the Canadian militia.

Other interviews with the Deputy Minister of the Interior of Canada, Mr. J. A. Smart, are published to-day in The Daily News. Mr. Smart cordially welcomes London's unemployed to Canada, and says the only necessary condition is ability and willingness to work. The Daily News asks for patriotic philanthropists who, as a first step, are willing to lay out \$5,000 to rescue 200 persons from London's squalor and want and put them on the high road to wealth and prosperity. Mr. Smart anticipates that 100,000 new settlers will enter Canada this year. He says, "We want half that number from Britain."

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