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## Society Doings in London Town

### Stoutness of Peeress Caused an Amusing Incident Which is Recalled by Opening of Parliament.

By Countess of Blankshire

LONDON, Feb. 26.—(Special).—It is understood that the King will certainly pay at least one other visit to Brighton before he leaves for the south of France. In all probability this will be towards the end of this week. His Majesty will also pay at least two visits to "London by the Sea" when he returns from his holiday. In view of these frequent visits, reports are being revived that ultimately His Majesty will acquire a house there, and it is understood that the Prince and Princess of Wales and Princess Victoria, who have been in the habit of visiting the late Queen-Victoria ever held, at Brighton, since the invigorating air of the place, coupled with the interest in the affairs of state, he gets while there has a most beneficial effect upon his constitution.

The royal circle at the court that is to be held at Buckingham Palace shortly will be a very small one, and the principal supporters of the King and Queen will be the Prince and Princess of Wales and Princess Victoria. We wonder if the last named will remember an incident that happened at one of the last evening parties at the late Queen-Victoria's house. The princess stood quite near to an extremely stout peeress, whose evolutions caused her considerable amusement. As the lady in question made her courtesy in front of Her Majesty she stumbled badly and would have fallen had she not convulsively grabbed the sleeve of the then vice-chamberlain, who was, as is the custom, close to her side. Her sudden onslaught nearly brought the pair to the ground, but luckily the courtier managed to save himself. The Queen frowned majestically at this untoward incident, and the remainder of those present tried hard to keep a straight face. Princess Victoria, however, suddenly caught the eye of the present Prince of Wales, and her gravity collapsed. She gave a hearty laugh, and the courtier, who had been so near to her, was obliged to follow suit. The incident, in which the prince at once joined her. It may be added that subsequently the young princess received a severe "talking to" from her imperial grandmother.

The real reason for the sudden retirement of Sir Douglas Gumble from the command of the reformed Turkish Fleet is the imminence of war between Bulgaria and the Porte. King Ferdinand has been arming with this object for years, and now that he has secured the recognition of his independence he is merely awaiting the moment to pay off old scores. Gumble from the Turkish navy—he being still a British Admiral on the active list—is therefore obvious.

Princess Henry has been receiving special reports from the Spanish capital concerning the health of Prince Leopold, and was ready to start for the south by the Sud Express at a moment's notice. Her Royal Highness, however, soon learned, to her relief, that it would not be necessary to disarrange her plans, and especially to disappoint the good folks of Lower, whose new hospital she is under engagement to open during the coming week. There is still every reason to hope that the projected sojourn on the northwest coast of Africa will come off. There is not expected to be any royal visit to Gibraltar this season, with the exception of a hurried visit which may be made there by the Dattenberg party before coming north again.

Revelation of the Indian story—

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With great ardor and many attentions, considers himself engaged, and has announced his firm intention of making her his bride. His infatuation for this lady has reduced his family to the depths of despair. They have tried the expedient of bringing to his notice all the most eligible and attractive English and American girls, but this scheme for luring him away from his first love has been a complete failure. The princess is, according to native standards, extremely beautiful. She is tall and slender, with long, dark hair and a delicate olive complexion. Her only sister is married to a native, who is a collector in the Civil Service in the Bombay Presidency, and English in almost everything but color. The princess goes a great deal into English society in Simla, attends many of the vice-regal functions, and is in great demand as a partner at the smartest dances. The nobleman's son who has conceived such a passionate attachment for her is trying to go out to India, but his distinguished parent has sternly forbidden him, under pain of his everlasting displeasure, to attempt to carry out the idea.

### KING EDWARD'S DECORATIONS

British Monarch Wears Insignia of Many Knightly Orders.

When King Edward goes abroad among his subjects on occasions of ceremony the least observant eye will note some details of the insignia he wears. Every one is aware that the emblems of an order of knighthood are not restricted to one portion of the royal person; they may be worn on the right or left shoulder across the bosom, on the left breast around the neck or suspended at the hip. It is probable that the broad blue ribbon of the Garter is familiar to all, but it is equally possible to wear the badge of the Garter round the neck, on the left shoulder, on the breast, or encircling the left leg may not be generally known. It has been said that the desire to possess honorary distinctions has shown itself in various shapes from very remote times, and to be able to wear them on the person as evidence of some particular qualification in the individual has been an object of human ambition almost from time immemorial. The sovereign naturally leads the way; he is the first man in the state; he is himself the fountain of honor. But the accumulation of great distinctions, which included the establishment of the court in 1788 until 1798, the date of the British evacuation of this city.

It was ascertained that the records were taken from Detroit by Judge William Dummer Powell, which that official transferred his court in 1798 from this city to Newark on the Niagara River, then in Upper Canada. He was satisfied that when the capital of Upper Canada was removed to York, now Toronto, the judge must have again transferred them, and he was very sure that the records had not been destroyed. Therefore, they must be somewhere in "Toronto." The documents were found in the vaults at Osgoode Hall, Alex. Fraser, provincial archivist, was endeavoring to secure the custody of them for publishing purposes.

### ALFRED, THE CEMENT MAN.

Alfred Rogers, the alert young Toronto man who has made great headway in the coal business, has been appointed general sales agent for the independent cement companies of Ontario. He will have one million barrels of cement to sell this year. This is some cement. But Alfred is some seller.

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## THIS WILL BE GREATEST YEAR IN HISTORY OF TORONTO REAL ESTATE

Men Close to Markets Enthusiastic Over the Outlook—Steady Increase in Population Main Cause, Coupled With Universal Prosperity.

### A WEST END ROSEDALE.

That the year 1910 will be a banner one from a real estate point of view, is the consensus of opinion of the leading Toronto real estate brokers.

One prominent agent spoke in glowing terms of the prospects for the coming season. "I have been receiving hundreds of enquiries concerning property to the north of the city," he remarked to "The World," "and if one-tenth of the people who have approached me buy lots, North Toronto will be a hive of industry for the builder before long. The only drawback to locating out there appears to be the double car ride, but when the city gets the car service expropriated, the suburbanites can count on getting down town for one fare."

### In Beach District.

"And then in East Toronto, in the Beach district, real estate business is humming. Houses that were worth \$1800 three years ago, are fetching \$2400, which is a pretty fair investment on your money. You can look to seeing the suburbs of Toronto develop this year to a degree unprecedented in the past. The worker, and I do not only mean the working man, but the business man also, wants lots of fresh air and room to move, and he is going where he can get it."

### If the Bloor-street viaduct had been built, the northeast section of the city would have gone ahead also, but people are chary of investing money in building properties when the communication with the rest of the city is so poor."

### Best in Seven Years.

"Prospects are looking the best in seven years," was E. A. English's statement.

"This month we have had 75 per cent. more enquiries over property than we had in the corresponding period of last year. The people, today, are trying to get further away from the heart of the city, and consequently there is a big rush in suburban properties. People who have lived for a quarter of a century in central positions are now joining the general exodus. Mind you, the tremendous impetus is given to the outside real estate business. "Just to give an example of how readily the public are snapping up these houses, we had a large estate, which contained nine parcels, placed in our hands yesterday, and to-day we sold six, all at high prices."

The real estate market at the present time is, no doubt, the best western Rosedale, including Indian-road, Sunnyside-avenue and the crossing streets, where scores of costly homes have been erected. Already this district is

his right shoulder and another to his left, making in all 17 decorations which King Edward VII. can wear at once, whereas King Edward VII. only wears three or four.—Strand Magazine.

## DETROIT LOST RECORDS ARE FOUND IN TORONTO

Lay For Many Years in Vaults at Osgoode—Archivist Will Try to Secure Custody.

The Detroit Free Press says: "In a visit to Toronto, Tuesday, C. M. Burton, city historiographer, discovered records of Detroit which supply a missing link in the history of the city, and which are of great value and interest to the city's past is a desirable thing."

"These documents are the records of the court of common pleas for the city of Detroit, which included Detroit, from the time of the establishment of the court in 1788 until 1798, the date of the British evacuation of this city. It was ascertained that the records were taken from Detroit by Judge William Dummer Powell, which that official transferred his court in 1798 from this city to Newark on the Niagara River, then in Upper Canada. He was satisfied that when the capital of Upper Canada was removed to York, now Toronto, the judge must have again transferred them, and he was very sure that the records had not been destroyed. Therefore, they must be somewhere in "Toronto." The documents were found in the vaults at Osgoode Hall, Alex. Fraser, provincial archivist, was endeavoring to secure the custody of them for publishing purposes.

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established as one of the most exclusive and socially desirable in the city.

"We handle business properties to a large extent," he said, "and we are looking for a big boom in the line. People are anxious to get down town interests, and the prices may seem high, the values are constantly increasing, and the investments are sound."

"I also consider," he remarked, "that property all over the city will enhance its value, for one can't disguise the fact that Toronto is a growing city and increasing by leaps and bounds."

"People are more inclined to invest money in real estate than in the stock market," said R. B. Rice, "and there is every prospect of a good, steady, all-round rise in real estate business."

"The outlook at present is in strong contrast to that of two years ago, when the business depression was so marked, and while I can't particularize any special district as being likely to boom more than another, I am confident that we shall have a banner year in real estate matters."

### New Apartment House.

Another fine three-story apartment house is being built by Architect Henry Simpson. The Willard Apartments, as they will be called, are situated on the northeast corner of Triller-avenue and West King-street. The building will contain twelve apartments, each consisting of five rooms and bath. The location is a most beautiful one overlooking Lake Ontario and the new building will cost about \$25,000.

### Yonge and Anne Corner Sold.

The northeast corner of Yonge and Anne-streets has been sold by the Provisional Investment Company to the Burgess & Powell Co., Limited, for \$70,000. The ground floor of this property is now occupied by Jules & Charles, hat goods, and "Ash Moor," liquor merchant, and has a frontage on Yonge-street of 46 feet 6 inches and a depth of 100 feet. The present lease on the property runs for three years to run, at the end of which time the present buildings will be demolished and a fine, large office building erected.

### New Eight-Factory.

On the northwest corner of Richmond and Peter, George Weston will erect a four-story biscuit factory. The property, which was purchased by Mr. Weston from Mrs. Walker for a little under \$20,000, has a frontage of 77 feet, by a depth of 120 feet.

## GUESTS HEARD GRAND OPERA BY WIRELESS

"Carmen" Surg. Over the Roofs of New York From DeForest Laboratory.

NEW YORK, Feb. 26.—"Carmen" was heard sung over the roofs of New York yesterday. The feat was performed by Mme. Magami of the Manhattan Opera House, from the laboratory of Lee De Forest, at No. 108 Park-avenue. A small but select audience heard the notes on the roof of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Building, and

applauded the singer a mile away. The encore from "Elektra" also thrilled the distant hearers.

It was a strange performance, arranged by the promoters of the Radio telephone, an instrument attached to the wireless telegraph.

The audience that heard the opera singer on the roof of the Metropolitan Building were charmed by her voice as well as by the novelty of the performance. It was explained by George F. Hickok, representative of the Radio company, that the Radio telephone has been in use for several months, and that communications have been had between this city and Albany and between Hampton Roads and the battleship Connecticut, 24 miles away. The operator of a wireless telephone in Newark was also on the wire.

Mme. Magami began her performance at 3.30 in the afternoon. She sang the aria from "Carmen" first, and then rested a few minutes. The little group of listeners on the roof shifted their heads and heard the notes in relays. There were four headpieces and an audience of a dozen. The encore from "Elektra" was heard in the same manner, but the tone was less distinct.

Dr. Lee De Forest and E. E. Burleigh, president of the De Forest Company, were by the side of Mme. Magami during the performance. They kept in communication with the audience by means of a Bell telephone.

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**MISS ROBSON THIRTY-ONE**  
That is Her Age Given on Marriage License.

NEW YORK, Feb. 26.—It was learned to-day that the marriage license bureau at the city hall had been kept open after hours last night for the issuance of a marriage license to August Belmont and Eleanor Elsie Robson, the actress, whose engagement was recently announced.

In the application for the license, which was issued in due form, Mr. Belmont gave his age as 57 years, while Miss Robson's age was given as 31. The time and place of the marriage was not stated.

**Provincial Appointments.**  
The following provincial appointments have been made: Isaac Wilson, Bur's Falls, bailiff; Edward Meek, Fort Rowan, associate coroner, and J. B. McLean (Maple), G. V. Pelton (Hastings), J. A. Corbett (Thornton), J. W. Macdonald (Halifax), P. F. McArthur (Priceville), and C. G. Locke (Lucknow), notaries public.

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**UNIVERSITY OF PARIS HAS MANY FOREIGN STUDENTS**

The number of foreign students at the University of Paris increases by leaps and bounds. In 1850 there were only 457 of them; in 1899 there were 1,747; now, according to a return just issued, there are no fewer than 3,526. The Russians (1,350) are the most numerous, and after them come the Roumanians (233), the Germans (231), the Egyptians (165), the Austrians (139), the English (115) and the Americans (107). There is also a sprinkling of students from China, Japan, Mexico and the Republic of Panama. Altogether, in fact, the university seems to be becoming as cosmopolitan in its constitution as it was in the middle ages, when scholars wandered at their leisure from one seat of learning to another.—Westminster Gazette.

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