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MASSEY HALL, TUESDAY EVENING, MARCH 28th

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SOCIETY AT THE CAPITAL.

Ottawa, March 25.—The following ladies and gentlemen had the honor of dining at government house on Tuesday. The hon. Josiah Wood, the hon. and Miss Cameron, the hon. William Miller, Dr. Alfred Thompson, Mrs. William McDougall, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Roche, Mr. and Mrs. Lemoine, Miss Ed. Leitch, Lieut. Col. Jarvis, Miss Jarvis, Miss Gagnier of Montreal, Mr. W. H. Walker, Mr. and Mrs. W. Luke, Mrs. Keefe, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Keefe, Mrs. Keefe, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Merritt, Mr. Pugsley, Mr. C. J. Jones, Mr. Gladwyn McDougall.

NAVAL REVOLUTION.

All Responsibility Devolves Upon the First Lord.

London, March 25.—Two interesting documents relating to the admiralty were issued at the House of Commons the other day. In the opinion of experts they foreshadow a revolution in naval administration.

The first is the Order in Council by which the constitution of the Board of Admiralty was remodelled.

This order may be summarized as follows:

(1) The members of the board shall be:—The First Lord of the Admiralty, the Second Sea Lord, the Third Sea Lord and Controller, the Fourth Sea Lord, the Civil Lord.

(2) There shall be two secretaries to be called the parliamentary and financial secretary and the permanent secretary.

The order makes the first lord responsible to the King and parliament for all the business of the admiralty, and all the sea lords responsible to the first lord for the work of their departments.

The order also defines the work of each member of the board.

This definition is amplified by the second paper, which gives in detail the work assigned to each member of the board.

The following summary shows the composition of the board and the distribution of duties under the present scheme which came into force on October 23, 1904.

Present Scheme.

First lord: General direction of all business.

Second sea lord: Organization for war and distribution of the fleet.

Third sea lord and controller: Material.

Fourth sea lord: Supplies and transport.

Civil lord: Works, buildings and Greenwich hospital.

Parliamentary secretary: Finance.

Permanent secretary: Admiralty business.

MARCONI ON CLIMATE.

Canada's Greatly to Be Preferred to That of Great Britain.

London, March 25.—There was a brilliant gathering of notable men in the lecture theatre of the Royal Institution last evening to hear Mr. Marconi relate his adventures and achievements in wireless telegraphy. The Duke of Northumberland was in the chair, and around the table containing Wheatstones and other electrical instruments, were many distinguished men of science and the arts—Lord Kelvin, Sir W. J. Farrer, Sir William Crookes, Sir James Dewar, Sir Alexander Mackenzie, Henniker Heaton, Sir James Crichton Browne, Professor Fleming, Sir Squire Bancroft (with Lady Bancroft), Professor Armstrong and many others.

Many well-known members of the institution were turned away, and the hall was filled to overflowing half an hour before the lecture commenced.

It lasted an hour, and was a masterpiece of modest and easy exposition in what is, of course, an abstruse and difficult field. It was delivered in a light and flexible tenor voice, with a few ingenious and effortless gestures, and every word was clearly heard by everyone present. And everyone present must have marvelled to find in this master and pioneer in one of the most complex fields of modern science is not yet thirty years of age.

The Evolution of the Coherer.

The first half was devoted mainly to a description of the apparatus and its gradual evolution; the second to a narrative of the main experiments and extension of the sphere of action. Mr. Marconi opposed the popular view that the wireless telegraph can be tapped and intercepted in the ordinary sense of the term, but practically admitted that much still remains to be done in this regard. He modestly explained where his self-decohering coherer differed from the apparatus of Sir Oliver Lodge, and remarked how useless seemed everything connected with the invention until a means was discovered of making the message leave a documentary record. This desideratum, he said, he has at last attained. Then he gave credit to Professor Fleming for his experiments with the galvanometer and the Wheatstone transmitter. After using a number of diagrams on the screen by way of illustration, the lecturer gave a lantern view of the wireless station at Cape Cod, with its four gaudy uprights like skeleton chimney-stacks, mounting guard over plain-looking workaday sheds underneath.

An Ocean "Convention."

But it seems that the best-equipped station is at Cape Breton, granted by the Canadian government with a handsome gift of money. A laugh arose when Mr. Marconi remarked that messages came from Canada much better than they went out from England, possibly as the result of a subsidy at the other end. The Dominion government had authorized the lecturer to try and discover why daylight, or sunshine rather, acted as a hindrance in the case of long messages. By inverse action, the climate of Great Britain was singularly suited to these experiments, and this hit at our resources in the way of rain and fog raised another laugh.

Finally, the inventor enumerated the vessels and stations of different nations, all supplied with the Marconi installation. He thanked King Edward and the King of Italy for their active assistance. He claimed that this invention increased the comforts of mankind and diminished its perils; and he looked forward to the day when the erection of more powerful stations would enable them to send messages as far as the Antipodes in different directions so that the waves would meet in a sort of Marconi convention. The audience smiled at this culmination, and applauded the lecturer highly for a brilliant paper.

Expert's Criticism.

A high naval authority said:—
 "The order in council of Aug. 20, 1904, now issued as a white paper, innocent as it looks, is nothing more than a revolution in naval administration."
 "Since the office of first lord of the admiralty was abolished more than a century ago except for the short-lived revival in favor of William IV, when Duke of Clarence, charged the office have been a corporate entity, each of them bearing equal and undivided responsibility. They were not in any sense subordinate to the first lord, who had his own functions defined for him and was merely the mouthpiece of the board in the cabinet and in parliament."
 "The new order in council, however, lays it down that the first lord shall be responsible for the business of the admiralty for all the business of the admiralty. All the sea lords are made responsible to the first lord of the admiralty for the work of their different departments."
 "War Office Methods."
 "In this respect it would seem as if the admiralty were assimilating itself to the methods of the old war office. The nation would certainly prefer that the assimilation should be the other way."
 "The date of the order in council should be noted. It is August 19, 1904, and the change came into operation on October 20. "Sir John Fisher succeeded to office as first sea lord on October 22. Presumably the change was not made without his assent."
 "In a certain sense, and with a first sea lord of the power and reputation of Sir John Fisher, the fixing of responsibility may be more complete under the new system than under the old. But the names of the professional heads of the navy are but rarely known to the public, and the temptation to a lesser man to shelter himself behind the first lord and retain his office, tho his advice be disregarded, is a danger which should be kept in view."

Castro Hostile.

Paris, March 25.—(1.07 p.m.)—An official despatch from Caracas, Venezuela, says President Castro, who was absent from the capital during the recent supposed amelioration of the situation, has returned to Caracas, and has manifested strong hostility against American and French interests.

The Ladies Aid of Wesley Methodist Church will hold a sale of work Thursday and Friday next, both afternoon and evening. High tea will be served from 6 to 8.

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East Elgin—Thomas Hammond, Chas. Gartham and Alexander Taylor.

Temiskaming—Thomas Gorman, Samuel Greenwood and John Carson Hewitt.

East Durham—Stephen Taylor, in the room and stead of Henry B. Lawson, resigned.

East Middlesex, R. A. Powell, Frank R. Shore and James Crockett.

South Essex—Alfred Parent, James H. Sweet and John Se'lars.

North Norfolk—James Peachey, in the room and stead of James Teachey.

North Oxford—Thomas Athoe, Archibald McPherson, and John McComb.

Fort William—James Johnston, in the room and stead of William W. Neeland.

West Lambton—James Kittermaster, James McCort, George French.

East Lambton—Joseph McCormick, John Shirley and Isaac Hunt.

The Chinese Empress.

A wonderful old woman is the Dowager Empress of China. She is a picture of vigor, with piercing black eyes, jet black hair and pretty little hands, whose nails, several inches long, are protected by golden shields like elongated thumb-nails. She is very vain of these nails, which she wears in equally pointed and brushes over her ears, manchu fashion. She smokes cigars with rolled chopsticks, talks much and smokes a little.

Flood Covers Bridge.

Forest, March 25.—While attempting to cross the bridge over the Aux Sable River yesterday, Jacob Rupp lost a valuable horse, and he narrowly escaped drowning. The water was over the bridge and Mr. Rupp thought he could pass over safely.

Italian Cabinet Resigns.

Rome, March 25.—Acting Premier and Minister of Foreign Affairs Tittoni today announced to parliament that the whole cabinet had resigned, leaving the king free to form a new ministry.

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CUPID'S INTERFERENCE.

Possible Explanation of a Diamond's Loss.

LOST.—At the Grafton Galleries, on Saturday night, 4th inst., a large single diamond. If the person who picked up the stone would return the same to the secretary of the Grafton Galleries they would be obliged.

There is a curious little story attached to the advertisement, which appeared in The London Eng. Express. The diamond in question is valued at over £100, and was lost last Saturday night at a dance at the Grafton Galleries. The company was a small and exclusive one, and there is no suggestion that the disappearance of the gem is due to design.

Neither is it suggested that Cupid was a thief. All the same, the blame for its loss is laid on him.

The peculiar wording of the latter part of the advertisement is due to a remark made to the evening this lady noticed a gentleman stoop and pick up "dazzling something," and give it to his partner, apparently under the impression that she had dropped it. Pre-occupied with their talk, or else confused by the stoppage, she accepted it unthinkingly, and evidently forgot all about it later on.

If the advertisement for the jewel should catch her eye she will doubtless hasten to restore it.

Up to a late hour last night the diamond had not been recovered.

Farmer Suicides.

Kingston, March 25.—Samuel Richards, a farmer living near Elizburg, committed suicide yesterday by cutting his throat. He was a married man, aged 38 years. It is said that he had been dependent for some time past, and the reason given for his rash act is financial trouble.

Will He Free Himself?

Windsor, March 25.—John Brown was found guilty of assisting Charles Jackson to escape from the county jail, and was sentenced to three years in Kingston Penitentiary.

Lakeside Rained This Morning.

Port Dalhousie, March 25.—The Lakeside was raised this morning, when the discovery was made that the packing around the stern bearings came out, allowing her to fill with water.

Death of Thos. A. Clark.

Port Dalhousie, March 25.—Thomas A. Clark, a prominent resident of Welland County, and clerk and treasurer of Thorold Township, died near here yesterday.

STOLEN COPE BACK IN ITALY.

Famous Relic Morgan Bought Returned in Secrecy.

London, March 21.—The famous cope of Nicholas IV, the theft of which from the Ancoeli Cathedral baffled the police for more than two years and which was eventually found in Pierpont Morgan's collection in the South Kensington Museum, has at last been returned to the Italian government.

Profound secrecy was observed in its removal from the museum and its place on the wall was immediately filled by a piece of tapestry. The cope left England a few days ago in charge of one of the secretaries of the Italian embassy and elaborate precautions were taken for its safety on the voyage.

Sir Purdon Clarke, the resigning curator of the South Kensington Museum, told an interviewer how a London dealer whom he knew well came to him with the vestment under his arm and offered to sell it to the museum for £3000 (\$35,000).

Sir Purdon told him he could not purchase it at that price, and the dealer said he would take it to Pierpont Morgan. Sir Purdon ventured to think he would not be able to gain access to Mr. Morgan, but the dealer smilingly assured him that, however unapproachable the great financier might be, his door was always open to the humblest dealer who had something to sell which no one else had.

Two days later the man returned bringing the cope with him again. He had sold it to Mr. Morgan and brought it back to be placed in his collection in the museum.

Mr. Morgan has returned the cope to the Italian government unconditionally, and it may now be placed in one of the state museums, the theft having proved that it was not safe in the cathedral.

MAURICE BARRYMORE DIES.

New York, March 25.—Maurice Barrymore, the actor, died to-day at a sanitarium at Amityville, L. I.

Centre Toronto Convention.

A meeting of the central executive of the Liberal-conservative Association of Toronto was held on Saturday at the Albany Club, when it was decided to hold a convention of Centre Toronto Conservatives on Friday evening, April 7, for the purpose of nominating a candidate for the house of commons.

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