

W. J. HERDER, --- Proprietor W. F. LLOYD, ---- Editor WEDNESDAY, May 13, 1914. Astute Management.

Mr. Asquith is gaining the reputa-He was looked upon as a Rosebery not forgotten nor forgiven his attistrong handling of the House of which culminated in the passage of what is known as the Parliament Act, was dismissed. and while affording an opportunity to

the House of Lords to compel a three years consideration of highly contentious legislation, made it impossible

for the House of Lords to hold up legislation for an indefinite time, gave a touch of his quality. The Parliamentary Act made the passage of any Home Rule Bill a practical possibility. It called for three "askings" in Commons' in successive session, should rejections follow the first and second "askings" by the Lords. A third rejection in the Lords goes for nothing, and the bills proceeds to the King for assent just as if the Lords had assented to it. Mr. Asquith also gave a taste of his quality in placing himself in the breach of assuming charge of the Military Department when the crisis arose a few months His action was generally re ago. garded as strong and masterly. The announcement made to-day of his proposal to handle the Home Rule

capacity. He is pledged to through the present Home Rule Bill. This pledge he intends to keep to the letter. The Bill will be passed through the House of Commons, sent up to the House of Lords and of course rejected. The provisions of the Parliamentary Act will be fully complied with and the Royal Assent will put it on the Statute Book. This in all probability will be accomplished within a month or two. But under the provisions of the Bill itself it cannot come into force before next February. So much then in regard to putting it on the Statute Book and so much for the interval which must elapse before the Act comes into force. There is, how-

ever, fierce opposition to it in the North of Ireland. A large population is up in arms against it. To-day an armed truce exists in Ireland, and these are ugly facts which have to be Mr. Asquith proposes to face faced. them. He is open to compromise, and pledges himself to put an amending Act through Parliament which will modify the Act before it can become operative, if an agreement can reached between all parties. If an agreement cannot be reached, then the Bill as it now stands will come into operation as a matter of course unless Asquith's own amendments pass. Mr. Asquith has seized a strong position, and a serious blow will be struck at the efficiency of popular

Government if a way-out cannot be found without a resort to the arbitrament of the sword.

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borough of Great Grimsby, Lincoln-shire, in a bye-election. The great decrease in the majority and increase in vote polled testifies to the interest that was aroused during the campaign and the result may be regarded as significant by both partics, Liberals

being able to claim growing favor for the Home Rule principle, the Union-ists exactly the reverse, for though their majority was decreased, the total vote for their candidate this time was estimited for the process of the process of the total ually 568 more than Doughty re-

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