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"Advertiser"

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS

MARRIED.

BIPPI-CAMERON-In this city, on Wednesday, Feb. 5, 1896, by Rev. W. J. Clark, Mr. Arthur Bippi of this city, to Miss Tena Cameron, of Fergus, Ont.

VAN DER FEEN-BROWN-Wednesday, Feb. 5, at the residence of the bride's father, 424 Park avenue, city, by Rev. Dr. Daniel, Mr. Guillaume B. C. Van der Feen, of Amsterdam, Holland, to Miss Etienne, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Brown.

FEELINGS-Sudden, in London West, on Tuesday evening, Feb. 4th, John Feelings, 214 days.

Funeral will leave the family residence, 68 Blackfriars street, on Thursday, Feb. 6th, at 4:30 p.m.; services at 4 p.m. Friends and acquaintances will please accept this intimation.

RICKARD-In this city, on the 6th February, at the residence of his grandson, W. M. Waldo, 538 Talbot street, Martin Rickard, his 88th year.

Funeral private.

O'MARA-In this city, on Feb. 6, 1896, infant daughter of Richard O'Mara, aged 10 months 11 days.

Funeral from family residence, 648 York street, on Friday, at 10:30 a.m. Friends and acquaintances please accept this intimation.

HARRIS-At her late residence, No. 439 Nelson street, on Thursday, Feb. 6, Mrs. Jane Harris, aged 76 years.

Funeral will leave her residence Friday, at 9 o'clock, for St. Peter's Cathedral. All acquaintances and friends are respectfully invited to attend without further notice.

Amusements and Lectures

Advertisements under this heading two cents per word each insertion. No advertisement less than 10 words.

REMEMBER THAT THE EXCELLENT programme that was rendered at the First Presbyterian Church last Monday evening is to be repeated next Monday. Silver collection for the Armenian relief fund.

CONCERT-UNDER THE AUSPICES OF the Ladies' Aid Society of the Methodist Church, will be held on Tuesday evening, Feb. 11, at 8 o'clock. Best local talent. Silver collection. Come.

MISS MADEL DAVIDSON, the world's greatest fancy artist and queen of the ice, will give exhibition at the Queen's Avenue rink, Monday, Feb. 10th, introducing the ice bicycle, a Chicago apparatus, advanced Brantford wheel. Band, commencing 8 o'clock. Admission 25c, children 10c; gallery 10c; extra; coupons not accepted.

GRAND OPERA HOUSE-TUESDAY, Feb. 11th-Trocadero Vaudeville and Sandow, the strongest man on earth, Ten European novelties-Five Jordan, acrobats; the Lucifers, champion jumpers; Amann, impersonator; Kaufmann, champion trick cyclist; two Boston acrobats; Mrs. M. Dammell, juggler; Billy Van, comedian; Herr August, Domnell, Scandinavian gymnast; and others. Prices: Lower box, 50c; box, 75c; reserved, 50c; admission, 50c; gallery, 25c. Seats on sale Saturday.

CENTRAL AVENUE RINK-SKATING this afternoon and evening. Ice in splendid condition. Admission 10c.

AGENT-ALLAN, BEAVER AND American steamships. Tickets, all classes at very lowest rates quoted to or from the Old Country. Mr. Allan, B. Clark, Richmond street, next to "Advertiser." ywt

DANCE DANCING ACADEMY-NEW Year's term commences Monday, Jan. 6, Gentlemen Monday, ladies Tuesday, advanced class Wednesday evenings. Children Saturday afternoons. DAYTON & McCOMB.

PRIVATE LESSONS IN DANCING BY Mr. R. H. Millard, at his residence, 345 Princess avenue. A thorough system of teaching the modern glide waltz and all fashionable dances guaranteed. Lessons given any hour.

Meetings.

One cent per word each insertion. No advertisement less than ten words.

COUNCIL NO. 35, CHOSEN FRIENDS-Meets tonight, East End Hall. Visitors welcome. S. HARRIS, Secretary.

O. U. W.-WOODBINE LODGE, 331 A. meets tomorrow (Friday) evening at 8 o'clock. Visitors welcome. THOS. GLOVER, M. W.; J. W. WALKER, Sec'y.

A. U. W.-WESTMINSTER LODGE, No. 40, meets this (Thursday) evening, Foresters' Hall, South London. OLIVER ELLWOOD, M. W.

Male Help Wanted.

First insertion 1c per word. One-half cent each subsequent insertion. No advertisement less than ten words.

ORGANIZERS WANTED-PROFITABLE permanent employment. Apply by letter, Grand Organizer, 49 King street west, Toronto.

MEN WANTED TO KNOW THAT they can have their clothes cleaned and pressed at the New York Clothes Cleaning Company, 291 Wellington street.

AGENTS-WANTED-\$20 PER WEEK-Apply to GEO. MARSHALL & Co., tea importers, 226 Dundas street.

Domestics Wanted.

First insertion 1c per word. One-half cent each subsequent insertion. No advertisement less than ten words.

DWYERS "OLD RELIABLE" INTELLIGENCE agency is the place to get good help. 501 Richmond street, phone 1121.

FIRST CLASS DINING ROOM LIT. wanted to go out of city, good wages, goods and household. Address: Armstrong's Intelligence Office, 56 Dundas street.

Board and Lodging.

First insertion 1c per word. One-half cent each subsequent insertion. No advertisement less than ten words.

ROOMS TO LET-TWO GENTLEMEN, quiet habits, can find comfortable rooms, modern conveniences, in private family, choice locality. Apply by letter, Box 101, this office.

PLEASANT FRONT ROOM WITH A private family; good locality; board if desired. Box 15, "Advertiser." 22k

Laundries.

LAUNDRY CALLED FOR AND DELIVERED-All hand work. Best finish. H. R. Mace, 222 Dundas street.

Wanted.

First insertion 1c per word. One-half cent each subsequent insertion. No advertisement less than ten words.

WANTED TO PURCHASE-30 QUARTS or more of first-class milk, wanted daily. Address Box 25, "Advertiser." 22c

HOUSE WANTED-ABOUT FOUR BED rooms; good tenant; rent must be reasonable. HARTWELL, this office. 16a wty

WANTED-A NICKLE PLATER AND polisher. The Essex Brass & Iron Co., Limited. 22a

WANTED TO RENT-MODERN HOUSE with all conveniences-For family of eight. Must be centrally located. Address at once, C. C. Woods, Woods Fair. 21a

WANTED-100 SECOND-HAND CHAIRS-Apply 257 Wellington street. 201

Houses, Etc., To Let.

First insertion 1c per word. One-half cent each subsequent insertion. No advertisement less than ten words.

BRICK STABLE TO LET-SEVENTEEN stalls, suitable for livery or boarding, situated at Albert street, near Richmond; immediate possession given. Apply 167 Albert street. 201

TO LET-THAT DESIRABLE OFFICE over O. P. R. ticket office, formerly occupied by the Ontario Mutual Life. A. N. URY, 437 Richmond street. 211

TO LET-DOUBLE ROOM WITH vault, first floor Albion Building; also front room on first floor, immediate possession. Apply T. H. CARLSON, at the brewery. 33f

TO LET-COTTAGE, CORNER RIDOUT and Craig streets, South London; rent \$13. Apply GEORGE C. GUNN, barrister. 421

TO LET-RESIDENCE, 434 COLBORNE street, corner Dufferin avenue, 10 rooms, modern conveniences. Apply FRASER & FRASER. 421

Business Chances.

First insertion 1c per word. One-half cent each subsequent insertion. No advertisement less than ten words.

BARBER SHOP-GOOD BUSINESS-Proprietor leaving city. 10 Market Lane. 22c

Miscellaneous.

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LONDON PUBLIC LIBRARY-CITIZENS are requested to call at the library and receive a blank form of application, and if such application is submitted to the board, a portion of the books will be ready for issue on Monday. R. REID, chairman; R. J. BLACKWELL, librarian. 221

Articles For Sale.

First insertion 1c per word. One-half cent each subsequent insertion. No advertisement less than ten words.

FOR SALE-ONE HORSE, COW AND breeding sow; \$25 each. Apply No. 5 Hamilton road, city.

FOR SALE-CART, CUTTER AND PONY-Will be sold cheap or exchanged. 637 Elias street. 18c 12w

NEW AND SECOND-HAND PIANOS-Bargains. The Grand Piano Co., 236 Dundas street, H. W. Burnett, Manager.

A SPECIAL SALE OF HARNESSES, trunks, valises, robes, blank is, bells, harnesses, collars, robes, blankets, fly nets, whips, trunks, valises, fancy leather goods, etc., about \$3,000. Stock list and goods assembled for inspection. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day. Tenders to be sealed. The highest or any tender not necessarily accepted. WM. J. CLARKE, 180 Dundas street, solicitor for assignee. London, Feb. 6, 1896. 22c wty

UMBER-WHOLESALE ONLY-CAR or cargo lots; spicer's extra British Columbia red cedar shingles, pine shingles, cedar shingles; pine lumber, hard wood, cedar, lumber, posts, piles, etc. D. FRASER, Man. Agent, London, Ont.

Agents Wanted.

First insertion 1c per word. One-half cent each subsequent insertion. No advertisement less than ten words.

WANTED-SEVERAL MEN OF GOOD character, who can furnish horse and light rig; \$75 to \$250 a month. Applicants write fully. The Bradley Garrettson Company, Limited, Brantford, Ont. ywt

AGENTS-"SKEPTICISM ASSAILED"-The most powerful and convincing collection of facts ever produced against the doctrine of Christianity by Hon. Britton H. Tabor, introduction by Dr. C. H. Parkhurst, who says: "That in view of the invincible and undeniable facts here set forth, it is a thousand times harder not to believe in the Bible." All skeptics are vanquished by evidence. No help ever sold so fast. Four hundred agents wanted. Don't miss opportunity to secure territory. Full particulars, J. L. NICHOLS & Co., Wesley Building, Toronto. 33f

Real Estate For Sale.

First insertion 1c per word. One-half cent each subsequent insertion. No advertisement less than ten words.

ACRE LOTS FOR SALE IN THE VIL LAKE of Mount Brydges and two new frame houses, one seven rooms and one five rooms; also 41 acres with good house, nine miles from Lake of Mount Brydges. Apply to Wm. FRASER, Mount Brydges. 18c 12w

FOR SALE CHEAP-THAT FOLLOWING property, viz: Lot 27, south side, running through to the G.T.R. track. On the property is a large frame building containing boiler and shafting, suitable for manufacturing purposes. Apply to Wm. F. BULLOCK, manager, Ontario Loan & Debenture Company. 16f-cod

Lost and Found.

First insertion 1c per word. One-half cent each subsequent insertion. No advertisement less than ten words.

LOST-FOX TERRIER PUP-ANSWERS to name of "Laddie." Reward on returning him to 238 Princess avenue. b

LOST-FOX TERRIER BITCH-NAME Nettle, white body, lemon head; had on collar and tag. Notify John Briggs, London South. 22c

LOST-WOULD THE LADY WHO TOOK an umbrella from Somerset Hall by mistake, on Monday, Jan. 20, kindly return to this office. 22c

LOST-SKY TERRIER BITCH-ANS-WERS to the name of "Daisy." Reward if returned to J. TEALE, 650 Dundas street. 20

Patent Barristers.

FETHERSTONHAUGH & CO., PATENT barristers and experts, Toronto; patents granted in Canada, etc. London Office, Bank of Commerce buildings, corner Dundas and Richmond streets.

SAWLOGS WANTED.

LARGE QUANTITY OF ELM, MAPLE and ASH SAWLOGS WANTED. For particulars and price apply ADAM BECK, Albert Street, London.

OPENING NEW WESLEY HALL

First Methodist Church,

Corner Wellington street and Dufferin Avenue

Programme of Service, Sunday, Feb. 9th.

General love feast from 9:30 to 10:45 a.m. Public service 11 a.m. conducted by pastor Dr. Daniel, Dr. Sanderson and resident ministers. Dedication of Wesley Hall, under direction of Sabbath school management, at 3 p.m. Preaching service by Dr. Daniel at 7 p.m., followed by Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Special contributions in aid of building fund.

Monday, 10th inst.-Social reception, under direction of Young People's Society, 8 p.m. Tuesday, 11th-Mission Band Parliament, 8 p.m. Wednesday, 12th-Church conference, 8 p.m. Thursday, 13th-Musical and literary entertainment, under auspices of Ladies' Aid Society, at 8 p.m. 22a wt

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

In the Matter of John Stephenson, of the City of London, in the County of Middlesex, Harness Maker.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE above named John Stephenson has made an assignment to me under the provisions of Chap. 124, R. S. O. 1887, of all his estate and effects in trust for the benefit of all his creditors. A meeting of the creditors is hereby convened and will be held at the office of Wm. J. Clarke, barrister, London, on Saturday, the 15th day of March, 1896, at 10 o'clock in the afternoon, for the appointment of inspectors and the giving of directions with reference to the disposal of the said estate. All the creditors of the said estate are hereby required to file their claims with my solicitor, Wm. J. Clarke, Esq., London, as directed by said statute on or before the day of such meeting. After 1st of March, 1896, I shall proceed to distribute the said estate, having regard only to such claims as I shall have notice of, and I shall not be responsible for the assets of the said estate or any part thereof to any persons or persons claiming to be creditors. JOHN W. CLARKE, trustee; Wm. J. CLARKE, solicitor for the trustee, 180 Dundas street, London. 18a 12w

WILL BE SOLD

BY PUBLIC AUCTION AT THE AUCTION ROOMS OF MR. W. JONES, DUNDAS street, London, on Monday, the 10th day of February, 1896, at the hour of 2:30 in the afternoon, the stock of R. S. Gage, Newbury, as follows:

General dry goods	\$1,003.35
Military	121.50
Boots and shoes	831.94
Crockery	234.80
Groceries, stationery, etc.	675.43
Shop furniture	50.00
Chairs	74.00
	\$3,661.26

Terms-One quarter down; balance 2, 4, 6 and 8 months, with interest at 7 per cent, approved endorsed paper. Stock is, on the premises, and with Groceries, Mr. Jones, 180 Dundas street, solicitor for assignee. D. ARMSTRONG, trustee. 18c 12w

HARNES MAKERS

Re John Stephenson, Insolvent.

TENDERS WILL BE RECEIVED UP TO noon on 15th inst., at the office of W. J. Clarke, 180 Dundas street, London, for the stock in trade, book debts, and shop fixtures, as per list: consisting of about 70 sets of new harnesses, collars, robes, blankets, fly nets, whips, trunks, valises, fancy leather goods, etc., about \$3,000. Stock list and goods assembled for inspection. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day. Tenders to be sealed. The highest or any tender not necessarily accepted. WM. J. CLARKE, 180 Dundas street, solicitor for assignee. London, Feb. 6, 1896. 22c wty

A Noble Movement.

Chicago People Urge Permanent Arbitration Between the U. S. and Britain.

A call to all America-To Consecrate Washington's Birthday.

Chicago, Feb. 6.-A committee of prominent citizens has issued a call to all patriots of the country for expressions of opinion on the proposition to establish a permanent board of arbitration for the settlement of difficulties between this country and England. After calling attention to the recent war between the two countries, the committee says: "We suggest and propose that the people of all cities and towns of the United States at their meetings to celebrate the birth of Washington, or at special meetings called for the purpose on the Sunday afternoon next following, or in the meetings of their societies, clubs, churches, social, religious or commercial organizations nearest in time to Washington's birthday, shall embody their views at each assembly in its own way, on the following questions:

"1. Do we wish the Governments of the United States and Great Britain by formal treaty to establish arbitration as the method of concluding all differences which may fall of settlement by diplomacy between the two powers?"

"2. What is our opinion of war as a mode of deciding controversies between the United States and Great Britain?"

"Dr. Williams C. Gray, 69 Dearborn street, Chicago, and Wm. E. Dodge, 11 Cliff street, New York, will receive the proceedings, which should be sent in duplicate, and arrange them for transmission to the President of the United States and the Queen of England. We request our newspapers, religious and secular, if this proposal shall appear to them to be good and wise, to give it their sanction and urge the people in all parts of the Union to consecrate this celebration of the birth of Washington to this cause, by taking appropriate action on that day or upon a convenient occasion, clustering around it."

DYSPEPSIA AND INDIGESTION.-C. W. Snow & Co., Syracuse, N. Y., write: "Please send us ten gross of Pills. We are selling more of Parmenter's Pills than any other Pills we keep. They have a great reputation for the cure of Dyspepsia and Liver Complaint." Mr. Chas. A. Smith, Lindsay, writes: "Parmenter's Pills are an excellent medicine. My sister has been troubled with severe headache, but these pills have cured her."

Cooper & Sanders' Photos are a little under price but away up in quality. ywt

Brilliant Victories

Sikhs, Under British Officers,

Thrash Slave-Traders in

Africa.

Cecil Rhodes Gets a Great

Ovation in London.

His Name and That of Jameson

Suggested for the Pearage.

A Test Question for the British

Parliament.

Canada Represented at the Burial of

Henry of Battenburg.

Serious Riot at Sala, Piedmont-Five

Persons Killed and Thirty Wounded

The German Naval Appropriation Bill Withdawn.

GERMANY BUYING LAND.

Cape Town, Feb. 6.-It is stated here that the visit of Dr. W. J. Leyds, the Secretary of State of the Transvaal Republic to Berlin, is connected with the German purchase of seven miles of land on the coast of Delagoa Bay.

MORE MASSACRES EXPECTED.

London, Feb. 6.-A telegram received at Constantinople from Aintab asserts that massacres at Aintab and Marash are probable if the negotiations for the surrender of the town of Zeitoun by the Armenians should fail to put that place in possession of the Turks.

FRANCE SHOWS HER TEETH.

Paris, Feb. 6.-Several newspapers declare that the position of Brazil in regard to the Amazon territory and the conduct of Cabral, the alleged governor of the disputed district, is becoming intolerable, and they add that national dignity requires that the matter be speedily concluded.

THE ABYSSINIAN WAR.

London, Feb. 6.-No news has been received at Rome since Saturday from Gen. Baratieri, commander-in-chief of the Italian troops operating in Abyssinia. The belief generally entertained is either that Gen. Baratieri is engaged in advancing against King Menelek, or else that a battle has already been fought.

BOMB-THROWING.

Lisbon, Feb. 6.-A bomb was thrown at the house of the doctor who had certified to the insanity of the Anarchist who on Jan. 30 threw a stone at King Charles as the king was driving in an open carriage. The carriage was considerably damaged. Ten arrests have been made in connection with the bomb-throwing.

ITCHING PALMS.

London, Feb. 6.-A dispatch from Constantinople to the Chronicle says: "The Turkish officials continue to impede the relief for the Armenians. The officials want all the money intrusted to them."

"Several ladies' committees here are preparing clothing for distribution through American missionaries."

BRILLIANT BRITISH VICTORIES.

London, Feb. 6.-Advices received here from Blantyre, under date of Jan. 25, says that the Sikhs, under British officers, have gained two brilliant victories over the slave raiders in British Central Africa. The Arabs, it is added, were totally routed, fourteen chiefs were captured, and the road into the interior was thereby cleared.

BLOODY RIOT.

Rome, Feb. 6.-News has reached here of a tax riot which occurred at Sala, Piedmont, yesterday, which assumed such serious proportions that the authorities were obliged to call out the troops. The rioters refused to disperse when the troops reached the scene of the disturbance, and the soldiers fired on the mob, killing five and wounding thirty.

PETERS' HEIR.

Paris, Feb. 6.-An heir has been found to the property of the old miser Peters, who died in the streets here a short time ago and in whose pocket was found a letter postmarked Boston, as was cabled to the Associated Press at the time. It appears he abandoned his wife and son 56 years ago when the latter was only a few days old. The son is now a pilot at Havre.

DIED IN A POORHOUSE.

London, Feb. 6.-A dispatch from Leeds announces the death in the workhouse there of H. J. Sargeant, formerly a theatrical manager, who was at one time connected with dramatic ventures in the United States.

It is believed that this is the Harry Sargeant who, along in the '70s, managed a theater at Columbus, O., and who took Russia to America.

RUSSIA'S NAVY.

London, Feb. 6.-A dispatch to the Times from Odessa says that a new Russian transport company, under the direction of a Russian admiral, will begin trading in the Black Sea forthwith, and will extend its operations abroad when the fleet is large enough. Seven steamers ordered from England will be built to serve as transports or cruisers in time of war, and to provide a large addition to the Russian navy.

PRINCE HENRY'S FUNERAL.

London, Feb. 6.-At the funeral of the late Prince Henry of Battenberg the royal princesses left the procession midway between the starting point and the church and proceeded in their carriages by a shorter route to the church, where they were seated in their pews when the coffin arrived. The services were conducted by the Right Rev. Randall Thomas Davidson, D.D., Bishop of Win-

chester, and the music was selected by Princess Beatrice herself.

The Canadian Government was represented at the memorial service in Westminster Abbey by Mr. Colmer, who sent a beautiful wreath to represent the sympathy of Canada with the royal family, while other colonies sent wreaths to Osborne House.

RELIGION AND ROYALTY.

A St. Petersburg special says: The conversion of Prince Boris of Bulgaria is the topic of the hour, and excites the greatest interest in political and diplomatic circles. An eminent authority declares that even if the present ruler of Bulgaria should be excommunicated by the Pope, there was a reassuring precedent for such an event in the case of King Victor Emmanuel of Italy, who suffered the same fate with equanimity.

WITHDREW THE BILL.

Berlin, Feb. 6.-The intention of urging the passage of a bill at the present session of the Reichstag providing for a large increase in the naval strength of the empire appears to have been definitely abandoned on the part of the Government. The bill of Von Hohenlohe and Vice-Admiral Hollman, Secretary of State for the Admiralty. However, the measure will be drawn in readiness for presentation at the next session.

COLONIAL DEFENSES.

London, Feb. 6.-The St. James Gazette prints a letter suggesting that, as the Dominion of Canada has no surplus, the British Government should lend the British surplus of 1895 to Canada to strengthen the defense of the country. The Gazette, as the organ of the Ministry, supports the proposal.

A conference at Sydney, N. S. W., of the commandants of the four Australian colonies has recommended a scheme of concentrated federal defense, and also that all Australian troops be armed with rifles with the same pattern, caliber, etc., as those supplied to the Imperial troops.

A TEST QUESTION.

London, Feb. 6.-The Chronicle announces that the Liberals will challenge the Government at the earliest moment in Parliament on the abandonment of the Armenians.

"It is believed," the Chronicle continues, "that A. S. Balfour, the Conservative leader, will then make revelations concerning the action of the various individuals and governments on the Armenian question. The Liberals regard the Venezuelan affair as too important to be raised as a mere side issue upon the address. Therefore, the House will be adjourned after the adoption of the address so as to secure a full debate on Venezuela. The Liberals are unanimously in favor of arbitration with the United States, and it is believed a motion to that effect will secure wide 'Unionist' support. Sir William Vernon Harcourt, the Liberal leader in Parliament, who has studied the case minutely, fully shares Hon. John Morley's view of the question. It is more fit for arbitration than this."

UNCLE SAM'S WEALTH.

London, Feb. 6.-The Westminster Gazette this afternoon says that the action of President Cleveland in deciding upon a popular loan was fully justified and cannot fail to have a favorable influence not only in the United States but abroad.

The St. James Gazette states that the success of the loan is a matter of mind to Englishmen in spite of financial disorders and the "eccentricities of the Administration." The United States is a very rich country and has "a great reserve store of wealth" among its people. The Gazette adds: "The success is not wholly hopeful of the prospects of peacefully solving the Venezuelan difficulty, and is only too likely to add to the aggressive self-confidence which caused the President's message and the new Olney doctrine to be hailed with so much enthusiasm. We have no desire to be pessimistic. We have search vainly for any indication of the United States of a disposition to concede anything. We have the alternative of submitting the whole claim to arbitration or incurring the hostility of the United States. It is still a very unsatisfactory and dangerous situation."

RHODES' RETURN.

A special to the New York World from London says: Cecil Rhodes' arrival in London was as much of a popular ovation at Paddington station as the Conservative or perhaps frightened managers of the Chartered South Africa Company would permit. A large crowd had gathered, but the whilom dictator was hurried into a prosaic four-wheeler and away. Perhaps an interesting fact is that well-dressed ladies predominated in the crowd on the station platform awaiting the arrival of Mr. Rhodes. The British Balfour arrived by a train a few minutes earlier, and was mistaken for Rhodes, and loudly cheered.

The Queen, it is reported, in common with the vast majority of ladies of the kingdom, as well as probably their husbands, is an