

Twice-a-Week Times

POSITION OF THE KING.

There are still a great many people who do not understand the powers of the King of Great Britain. In the first place it must be made clear that while the King is the nominal ruler, it is in reality the people who govern the country through their representatives in parliament.

The Prime Minister is the real executive head. He, with the co-operation of the other members of the cabinet or executive council, advises the King what action he shall take on public questions, and they, not the King, are responsible to the country.

Remember that it will not be necessary for the government to secure a large majority in the House of Commons. The number of seats and yet have quite enough parliamentary support to place the constitution at their disposal.

ORIENTAL DEVELOPMENT.

The growth of the shipbuilding industry in Japan is one of the wonders of the present age. In 1877 that country built her first gunboat, a little wooden affair of 910 tons.

The first large merchant ship to be built for the Japanese was the Hitachi Maru, a fine vessel of 6,000 tons, which was sunk by the Russians in the Japan Sea.

It is curious that even to-day Japan cannot build ships quite as cheaply as can the British. The difference in price is gradually being lessened, but there is still a margin.

well as the British, the Chinese will soon learn to do the same. The country is awakening almost as fast as did Japan. The Chinese have a much larger country and one not accessible, so it will take a little longer for them to develop than it did for Japan.

MANITOBA COLLEGE.

Rev. Dr. C. W. Gordon, better known to the general public as Ralph Connor, at a recent session of the Manitoba Presbyterian Synod proposed that Manitoba College should give up the arts work which it has undertaken for a number of years past and devote itself wholly to the teaching of theology and the training of men for the ministry.

The change which Dr. Gordon proposes is a radical one, and is probably necessary in order to cope with the growing needs of the church in the West.

The University of Manitoba consisted of nothing but the three church colleges, Manitoba, (Presbyterian); St. John's, (Anglican); and St. Boniface, (Roman Catholic). Then Wesley College was built to accommodate the Methodist students.

The matter was discussed at length and the visitor gave it as his opinion that the present provincial government should take the matter in hand and make provision for placing settlers on land.

BRITISH ELECTIONS.

The first elections in Great Britain and Ireland will take place on Saturday next, and by the early part of next week we shall be in a position to know just to what extent, if any, the people of the British Isles uphold the Liberal party in their fight for constitutional reform.

The issue has been made by the Liberals, and is a clear one. It is whether or not the non-elective Tory House of Lords is to have the power in future to veto everything progressive while allowing anything to pass proposed by the Conservatives when in power.

WEEKLY WEATHER REPORT.

Victoria Meteorological Office, 2nd to 9th November, 1910. Victoria—Total amount of bright sunshine, 13 hours and 48 minutes; rain, 31 inch; highest temperature, 46.7 on 28th; lowest, 33.3 on 26th.

make the Radicals firmer in their stand for what they consider right. Even should the Tory party be returned, that party is now pledged to reform the House of Lords, taking away from it the right to reject money bills, and to make changes in the composition of the chamber.

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The following greetings were sent to sister associations: "St. Andrew's Society, Winnipeg: 'Scotland's hairns in Canada's mast'—wasting time and the lave las the land o' the heather'."

St. Andrew's Society, Toronto: "'Here's tae ye the night, may ye aye be whomly' ower wi' glee'." St. Andrew's Society, Kamloops: "'No'er may the moose leave yer meal poot' wi' a loon in its ee'."

St. Andrew's Society, Vancouver: "'May Scotia's weeder this day be thine; may thine be the soil we'll be planting'." St. Andrew's Society, North Vancouver: "'Let's tak as richt guid-willie wauch for Auld Lang Syne'."

PRESS OPINIONS.

The country, irrespective of party politics, will regret to learn of the breakdown of Mr. Fielding, minister of finance, which will necessitate a long rest and change of scene.

OBITUARY RECORD.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald McMillan, Burns avenue, mourn the loss of their infant son, Alexander McMillan, who passed away last evening at a family residence. Deceased was 11 months of age and was born in Scotland.

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