



Calling on the King at
Buckingham Palace

the right-hand man of Mr. Gladstone, but on the introduction of the Home Rule Bill broke with the "Grand Old Man" and helped to found the Unionist party. Although many times offered the Premiership, this Duke of Devonshire as often refused, preferring to remain the power behind the throne. The one great tragedy of the family happened in his life when his brother, Lord Frederick Cavendish, was assassinated in Phoenix Park. ¶ The present Duke is said to be the only Duke who has had practical business training. After leaving Cambridge University he joined the staff of a firm of accountants in London. After that he went through a course of law before entering public life in 1891 as a Member of Parliament for West Derbyshire, a seat which he held till he succeeded to the title in 1908. He is, next to the Crown, one of the largest landowners in England, owning nearly 200,000 acres, including immense mines. He has played an active part in public life in England. Twice a Mayor of Eastbourne, in 1909-1910, and of Chesterfield, in 1911-1912, he was a Member of Parliament before succeeding to the title, has been Treasurer of the Household, Financial Secretary to the Treasury, and Civil Lord of the Admiralty. His heir, the Marquis of Hartington, is the eldest of seven children. Like most of his ancestors, the Duke of Devonshire has taken a deep interest in education and is Chancellor of the University of Leeds. It is, therefore, only natural to believe that the wide experience of His Grace in the affairs of the Empire qualify him to be of great assistance in the Government of Canada, and will ensure for him the deep-rooted esteem and appreciation which were so freely and so earnestly accorded to his popular predecessor, H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught.