

man has held the Speakership of any Legislative Assembly for so long a period as Sir David.

The nature of some of the details entering into the work of an Agent-General's office is exemplified by a letter from Sir David Tennant to the Commissioner of Public Works, Cape Town. In it occurs the statement that among those selected by the Agency and sent to the Cape during the year were 81 traffic clerks and 202 trained employes of various classes for the service of the Railway Department, 16 veterinary surgeons for the Colonial Veterinary Department, an architectural draughtsman for the Public Works Department, two assistant engineers and a pile driver for the Port Elizabeth Harbour Board, four bricklayers for the Table Bay Harbour Board, a secretary for the Meteorological Commission, a charge nurse and a head laundress for the Valkenburg Asylum, and a gardener for the Botanic Gardens, King William's Town. To select suitable candidates for such varied positions as these must involve very careful judgment, especially in view of the fact that they are intended for a distant country where the conditions of life and service are quite different from the conditions under which they have been brought up and trained.



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