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The English Nobility.

The English nobility is divided into the following five grades, ranged in order of precedence: Dukes, Marquises, Earls, Viscounts and Barons. The barons are by far the most numerous, as they number more than all the other five ranks put together.

The title Duke was not in use in England until 1337, when Edward the Black Prince was created Duke of Cornwall.

The first English Marquis was Robert de Vere, Earl of Oxford, who was created Marquis of Dublin by Richard II in 1385.

The Saxon titles of alderman or eorl and thane were changed into earl and baron by William I.

The title Viscount, which was long in use in France before it was held by an Englishman, was first bestowed upon John Beaumont, Count of Boulogne and Viscount Beaumont, who was so created in 1440.

Many of these English peerages were created in the Plantagenet and Tudor periods, or even earlier, yet there are quite a number which have been created in recent years. These have been bestowed upon their holders for a great variety of reasons.

In Victoria's reign some persons have been elevated to the peerage for

distinguished service in the army as Lords Napier of Magdala, Wolseley and Roberts, etc.; for distinguished service in the Navy as Lord Alcester; Poetical Genius as Lord Tennyson; Science, as Lords Playfair and Kelvin (Sir William Thompson); and Politics, as the Late Lord Tweedmouth.

Besides the hereditary peers whose titles descend according to patent, to heirs male, or to heirs both male and female, there are the Lords of Appeal, who by virtue of their office are Life Peers. Two of the most prominent of these were the late Lords Hanmen and Bowen.

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Last Friday, May 18th, was Arbor Day. After about an hour and a half of class work, the pupils of Prince Street school with their teachers, proceeded to the grounds, where they were soon busily engaged in planting the trees. There seemed to be quite an outburst of loyalty on the part of the pupils for no less than four trees were dedicated to the Queen, two to the Prince of Wales and one to Lord Aberdeen. Other trees were dedicated to Wee Willie Winkle, the Contributors to the Flag Fund, Mayor Turner, Inspector McLellan, J. B. Calkin, Esq., Principal Campbell and Ex-Councillor McKay.