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EDWARD, THE PEACEMAKER.

The Canada Gazette of May 9th contained the following announcement:—

“His Excellency the Governor-General has received with the deepest distress the news of the death of His Majesty King Edward VII., communicated to His Excellency in the following cable from the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Colonies:—

“LONDON, May 6th, 1910.

“Profundly regret to inform you His Majesty The King passed away at 11.45 p.m. to-night.

— “CREWE.”

Into the many interesting details of the life and death of our late Sovereign, it is not our province to enter; suffice it for us to refer to some features of his character, and some events in his career, which shew how he gained that prominence among the great men of his day, and that influence over those who had the ruling of the nations in their hands, which, always exerted for good, gained him a title never before accorded to any earthly Sovereign. And that title was gained not by any ostentatious display of power, by the threat of the mailed fist, or the calling out of fleets or armies, nor by diplomatic manœuvring, nor even by the exercise of any extraordinary mental capacity. It came as the result of straightforward dealing, with no ulterior personal object, by a man who knew what he was talking about, whose gift of good common sense was aided by an experience in the public affairs, not only of Europe, but of the world at large, and a personal knowledge of the men by whom those affairs were conducted, such as no other man in public life possessed, or had the means of acquiring.