# THE ACCESSION OATH AND PROTESTANT SUCCI

Debate in the British House of Commons on the Bill to Amend | country." Mr. Asquith concluded (hav- | Protestant succession, they should be | right, when they think it expedient, of ing dealt in detail with the objections | careful to see that no inroad was | means in their power, again I agree. Protestant Succession, Which Is Guaranteed by Statute-Mr. Birrell's Witty Speech.

the bill to amend the accession oath, brought into the succession, the prowhich has created so much noise throughout the empire. His speech made this further provision, that 'whowas beautifully phrased, and full of soever shall hereafter come to the posquaint antiquarian points. He repeated his personal view that the Protestantism of the sovereign is sufficiently as by law established.' That at this guaranted by the bill of rights, and moment is the law of the country. the act of succession without any declaration at all. If the sovereign used in the act of settlement, and I the throne of my realm, uphold and should turn Catholic the throne is think it is hardly necessary to point thereby vacated, and his subjects are out that it does not mean, as some

not introduced by the Government for Communion. To join in communion, as any party purpose. Indeed, no gov- everybody acquainted with the Engernment which knew its party inter- lish language of that period knows, ests would interfere spontaneously, means being in fellowship or memberand on its own initiative, with such ship with the particular religious body a question. Their only object, the im- to which reference is made. There can mediate prosecution of which was be no doubt that it was in that sense forced upon us by the unhappy de- that the words were used in the act mise of the crown, had been to re- of settlement, and have always been lieve the new sovereign at the open-interpreted. You have in these two ing of his reign from the obligation great constitutional and fundamental which gave legitimate offence to mil-settlement, a provision, first, that the

for it is materially and substantially would be to abolish the declaration. Impaired. I am persuaded that those (Cheers.) who maintain that point of view are for the most part-I do not say altogether-in a state of complete ignorance as to the real state of the law

Statutory Provisions. express terms of the bill of rights, that faith by the law of the land. The bill of rights enacts:

hold communion with the See

not a Roman Catholic, not only is he 33. incapable either of inheriting or continuing to enjoy the throne, but ipso facto the whole of his subjects are quarters in these days is of entirely absolved of their allegiance to him. What more adequate or explicit safeguard for the Protestant succession teenth century, the highest churchmen could be conceived or contrived than like Bishop Andrews, Bishop Jeremy that? It is true that the framers of the Taylor, the Archbishop Laud himself, bill of rights went on to provide in the gloried in the name of Protestant, and next section by way of what they con- were not ashamed or reluctant to use ceived to be additional security that the word Protestant as descriptive of every king should make the declara- the Church of England. I believe as a tion now in question, but it was a de-I matter of history the objection to the claration, framed in the time of Charles II., in the excitement produced by the Popish plot, for the purpose of excluding from Parliament and pub-Mc office members of the Roman Catholic Church, and with no reference of

any sort or kind to the sovereign. A peculiarity in the bill of rights is that Parliament provided no penalty if the declaration was not made by the King. If the matter rested there. I submit to the House that it would be perfectly plain that without this declaration to which no sanction is attached, you have in the earlier provision of the bill of rights the provision that the sovereign shall not be a Roman Catholic, and the ancillary and supplementary provision that if he is a Roman Catholic his subjects are thereby absolved from allegiance to anyone would describe himself as behim, and in that you have the amplest possible safeguard of the Protestant succession. The matter does not rest openly, professes any one of these there, because Parliament went on to three doctrines which are singled out provide in the same year, 1689, a form for special repudiation. It follows, I of coronation which requires the sovereign to swear that he will, to the utmost of his power, maintain and the bill would adequately secure, so obey the laws of God and the true far as any form of words can secure. profession of the Gospel, and the Prot- that the sovereign should not be at claration, and how could it be proved saying that you are more likely to let unanimity of political opinion. (Laughestant Reformed religion established

## Act of Settlement

"We pass to the time of King Wilfiam and Queen Mary, Queen Mary had no offspring, and the Princess Anne was the next in succession. It was neof the royal family, and, as we jority of the House is in favor of moddescendants were selected as being not cease to be offensive to Roman Cathre-enacted with regard to lous Protestant communities in

On July 27 Mr. Asquith introduced the persons who would therefore be visions to which I have already referred in the bill of rights, section 3, session of this crown shall join in communion with the Church of England

"'Join in communion' is the phrase expressly absolved from allegiance. people seem to imagine, a person who Mr. Asquith said that the bill was from time to time takes the Holy "We anticipated," the premier went on becomes a Roman Catholic, his sub-regards its Protestant representative on, "that any such proposal, in what-jects are absolved from allegiance, and ever shape it was put forward, must thirdly, a provision that he shall join terian communities in Scotland, inevitably give rise to a considerable in communion with the Church of amount of misunderstanding, and in- England as by law established. Is

The latter, and we fully recog- That oath was always taken by the nize its importance, is directed not sovereign immediately upon his acagainst the principle of the bill, but cession, and it was taken by our most tirely disappear." (General cheers.) is rather in the nature of committee Gracious iKng on the very day he succeeded to the throne. These were "Let me address myself to what is the statutory enactments which affectreally germane to the second reading ed this matter, and the inference he really germane to the second reading ed this matter, and the interest is shed convictions of the large major-opposition, namely, the opposition of thought every impartially minded perity of people in this country. Apparthose who maintain that without this son would draw was that this declardeclaration in its present form, with ation, even if it were very differently its denunciatory and repudiatory worded, was totally unnecessary as a clauses, the Protestant succession to safeguard to the Protestant succes-

#### The Term Protestant.

although personally he should have describe as a conspiracy the determinon the subject, and I can hardly think been very glad if it had been possible ation between the two front benches on the subject, and I can hardly think been very giad in it had been possible to push and force the bill through the London) said he did not propose to not use themselves without a certain mind of any honorable member in any they should have been open to a great House. (Cheers.) quarter of the House, but it undoubt- deal of misconstruction, and they edly does exist outside, and it is right should probably have had some diffito point out once again that this de- culty in carrying their measure into would be the last to suggest that there as a Protestant assembly, determined, sanguine of their ultimate destiny to point out once again that this de- cuity in carrying their measure into was any danger in our lifetime of hav- as a Protestant assembly, determined, sanguine of their ultimate destiny claration is not only not the only safe- law. They proposed to take the more in a Roman Catholic on the throng that they perhaps were of his. (Laughguard, but is not even a safeguard for moderate course of removing from the but it may the date of the was concerned, on both sides, to maindeclaration such language, and, in- but it was the duty of this genera- tain the Protestant succession, desirdeed, such aspects of it as were legiti- tion to hand over to future generations ous of maintaining it, he believed, in "Honorable members who have mately objected to by their Roman "Honorable members who have mately objected to by their Rolland tained at the cost of bloodshed and by Roman Catholic members of that the controversy should be settled now studied the summary of statutory en- Catholic fellow-subjects, and at the actments will observe, in the first same time making it a simple affir- sacrifice. The declaration was not a House. All they had to do was to in a way that not only should not be actments will observe, in the first same time making it a simple aftired dogmatic pronouncement of personal consider how the Protestant succession mation of the Protestant faith of the faith. Its whole object was to avoid consider how the Protestant succession offensive to Roman to the throne is amply secured by the King, as he was required to profess faith. Its whole object was to exclude could best be preserved by means of

"There are some who object to the 'All and every person or persons use of the word Protestant." the prewho is or shall be reconciled to, or mier went on. "They particularly obor ject to the use of the word as a pre-Church of Rome, or professes the fix to the Church of England. It is Popish religion or marries a Papist, quite true that the word Protestant is shall be excluded and be for ever in- not to be found in the Book of Comcapable to possess or inherit or en- mon Prayer. It is not to be found even loy the crown and government of this in the Thirty-nine Articles, and it is "That is an express disability im- not to be found in any canon of the pale of Rome who favored that doc- it makes you more secure of having trying to identify Protestant section into posed by statute on any Roman Cath- coronation oath, which requires the olic succeeding to the throne, and sovereign to affirm that he will mainthat disability is followed by express tain the Protestant reformed religion statutory sanction because the act of established by law. It is found in the Parliament goes on to provide that in act of union with Scotland, and again every such case the people of these in the act of union with Ireland. Curirealms, shall be and are hereby ab- ously enough, I discovered only the solved of their allegiance,' and the other day that it is found again where crown and government go over to the you least expect it-in an act of the reign of Victoria, 3 and 4, chapter

"This sensitiveness to the word 'Protestant' which was shown in some modern growth. (Hear, hear.) The great Anglican divines of the sevenuse of the word Protestant was fostered and fomented by the promoters of the tractarian movement. I therefore find it very difficult to understand why there should be any resentment or any reluctance against the application of the word Protestant to the Church of England.

"Let me point out with regard specific doctrines that are singled out substantiation, the invocation of the authority of the Roman Pontiff to dispense with obligations, every one of these is explicitly repudiated in the sion, a more moderately worded declar-Articles of the Church of England These articles are certainly binding on the clergy, and I do not imagine that ing a faithful member of the Church of England, who, either covertly or think, that the declaration in the form fused to make the present declaration? Who disapproves of the whole doctrine in which it appears in this schedule to Many honest Protestants, including, he and discipline of the Roman Catholic heart or by conviction, as he may not from the mere circumstances of the in a Roman Catholic sovereign if you be according to the law of the land.

Catholic, either secret or avowed."

The New Declaration. "I am very anxious that we should not have a controversy about mere cessary to provide for the settlement forms of words, because I believe the of the crown upon some other branch overwhelming sense of the large maknow, the Electress Sophia and her ifying this declaration so that it should only the next in kindred, but as be- olic fellow-subjects-(cheers) -but in Protestant in religion. The act of such a way as will not raise up new which established that occasions of offence amongst the varthe

ither by act or profession, a Roman

and the second second second second

secure the Protestant succession to prehension. maintain the said enactments to the best of my power.'

"I do not make the suggestion hastily or inadvisedly. I have good reason giving his assent to legislation. to think that it commends itself to those who are high in authority in the Church of England. On the other honorable friends on this side of the House. It meets all the Nonconformist objections in singling out the Church of England and the reference to the establishment, and what I am bound to regard as of even greater importof making in public a declaration acts, the bill of rights and the act of ance, it meets the Scottish objection. It does not single out the English Eslions of his loyal subjects in all parts sovereign shall not be a Roman Cath- tablished Church, as though it stood olic, and next that if the sovereign is in a position of priority or primacy as

"I venture to think that if the House would consider the matter-it is not deed actual hostility; but let me say there anything wanting to secure the necessary to decide the form of words at once that I distinguish broadly be- Protestant succession to the throne?" tonight, for we shall enter upon the tween the hostility which springs from The premier proceeded to deal with committee stage tomorrow-it is a a belief that the present form of de- the effect of the act of union with very simple matter to decide. I asthe effect of the act of union with claration cannot safely be modified Scotland. When Scotland was incorwithout impairing the safeguards of porated with England, the same disather Protestant succession and the bility was extended to the occupant of the protestant succession and the bility was extended to the occupant of the change, because it them. Those (of whom he was one) who the Protestant succession and the bility was extended to the occupant of criticisms which have been quite legit-imately put forward from various quarters by those who agree with us in condemning the present form of union further provided that for selection and the bility was extended to the occupant of the local throng of England and Scot-in armour propried in this matter. We did our best. Others have struggled to the declaration would be forced into the lobby with those in condemning the present form of union further provided that for selection with the same difficult task before, and I think with no greater success. declaration, but who are not satisfied curing the Protestant religion and and I think with no greater success. with the particular formula which we Presbyterian Church government in We did our best to provide a forwith the particular formula which we Presbyterian Church government in mula. We have listened patients and the decision of the Government. have proposed to substitute for it. Scotland, the sovereign should take mula. We have listened patients and if there had been more time for the The former class of opposition is, of an oath that he would inviolably sympathetically to criticisms which course, in the strictest sense of the maintain and preserve the settlement have been made, and if the new and word second reading opposition. It of the true Protestant religion as essential simple form I am now suggesting House to have informed themselves subjects. goes to the root and principle of this tablished by the laws of Scotland. I think the discountry what it was proposed to do, and to I think the difficulties in the way of have made up their minds how they this bill passing into law almost en-Rejection Moved.

bill, said it touched the most cher- himself obliged to vote against the clauses, the Protestant succession to safeguard to the Protestant succes-the throne of this country is not se-sion. He had always thought himself had rebelled. He would remind right ed the Protestant religion in Scotland. cure, or at any rate that the security that the logical and natural course the gentlemen that Scotland in He could not see, therefore, that there Proceeding, Mr. Asquith said that, shannon or Connemara. He could only support the bill.

a Roman Catholic. Therefore they the declaration. must have a declaration which would

It was felt important by a great member for Oxford University, ant. (Cheers.) the and in the House of Lords by Lord ment might gain transient and popular favor with the Irish party, there not forget, and would not forgive, the Government which had so ruthlessly rooted up the bulwark of the Protestant succession.

High Church Attitude. ford University) declared that it was the Church of Rome as a great reli- asking Charles II. (Laughter.) was no use against an unprincipled a safeguard of the Protestant succes- presented to him. (Laughter.) ation would be more effective than one more violent.

If the sovereign refused to make a and, in language which I believe Romoderate declaration it could be rea- man Catholic theologians think theologsonably argued that the only ground ically inaccurate, condemns two docfor his refusal was that he was a trines of the Roman Catholic Church. ible argument could be made for de- yourself to be a faithful Protestant? claring the throne vacant if he re- You declare yourself to be a Christian by her uncle, the Duke of Sussex. believed the prime minister, would Church. (Hear, hear.) shrink from taking the present dewas a Roman Catholic at heart?

the safeguards. some of his friends were rather in-clined to believe. (Laughter.) While they were zealous to preserve the me, as some honorable gentlemen on

urged against the present form of the made upon even the clothing of that means in their power, again I agree declaration, especially by the Non-great idea—because he could not reconformist bodies and the Scottish gard the declaration as more than Presbyterians), "The Government mere clothing. They ought to be carehave given a great deal of anxious ful not to draw in religious controverconsideration to the matter, and I am sies which were not concerned with ant succession by requiring your mon going to make a suggestion in order the declaration itself. He hoped the Broaden that he is a sincere to see how it is entertained in the Government would also have regard course of debate. The suggestion will to the objection that some people felt, be that the declaration should run as not to calling the Church of England "I do solemnly and sincerely, in the presence of God, profess, testify and out of many in describing it to the of the many alternatives presented to ant, and that I will according to the would be of great advantage, and need true intent of the enactments which not give alarm to any reasonable ap-

> Mr. More (Conservative, North Armagh) argued that the King, not having taken the oath on the first day of this Parliament, was disabled from

Roman Catholic Support. Sir Ivor Herbert (Liberal, South Monmouthshire) said he was a Cathohand, I think it will meet also the ob- lic, yet an out-and-out supporter of jections maintained by many of my the Protestant succession. The disability imposed upon the King which prevented him from conforming to the Catholic religion was part of a series would make not the slightest objection of enactments which, taken together, had been the greatest blessing to this country. He was willing to accept the Protestant succession freely because it was part of a general scheme under which Catholics enjoyed comparative freedom, and under which they might obtain complete freedom.

Mr. Walter Long (Conservative, Strand) remarked that, while the Government would accept any amendment likely to be generally supported, they adhered to the structure of the new declaration—namely, that it was to take the form of an affirmation of the Prot-(Some cheers.) He profoundly regretted the decision of the Government. consideration of the question, fuller ask the King to go out of his way to opportunity for those outside the denounce a large section of his loyal would best like it to have been done, it would have been possible to have found phraseology which met with Mr. Agar-Robartes (Liberal, St.Aus-more general support. That, however, tel), in moving the rejection of the was denied, and with regret he found second reading of the bill.

Mr. J. M. Henderson (Liberal, West ently the signs of popular revolt were Aberdeenshire) said Scotland had a resisting, and apparently even Scotland no offensive terms, but it fully protectthe past had often been a harbor of could be any possible danger to Scotrefuge to a defeated minister. It would land or her religion, and even at the be a great pity if in future ministers risk of incurring the displeasure of

The Balfourian View.

that which past generations had ob- perfect harmony with the views held Orange section, was determined that

"The only point," Mr. Balfour conbe negative in character. To cut out tinued, is this: Does the new form, tation of being associated with a narthe words "superstitious and idola- which avowedly gives no offence to row and bigoted attitude toward those trous" would be to take away the Roman Catholics, does it or does it who belonged to another branch of the not weaken the security of the Prot- Christian Church. He had done as many people that the sovereign him- the main question, it is the only ques- as the latest recruits for the Battle of estant succession? That is not only seld should state that he did not be- tion. (Cheers.) There really is no the Boyne — (laughter) — but he was lieve in transubstantiation. There was other question at all. Nobody has not to be seduced by language held by not to be found in any canon of the a large school of thought outside the ever been able to explain to me how the extreme Protestant section into trine; and, in fact, it would be quite a Protestant sovereign to insist upon that particular narrow school which, possible for the Pope to say of that his condemning two particular Roman he thought, had had its day. (Cheers.) school which was represented in the Catholic doctrines than to insist that House of Commons by the noble lord, he should say he is a sincere Protest-

Halifax, "I have many sheep, though they are not of my flock." (Laughter.)

"The honorable member for the Sultan Austell division, Mr. Agar-Robartes, attempted to deal with this, but he The temporal and political power of Rome was the negation of religious liberty, and those who wished to advanced one argument. He said Charles II. had been five years a proached the question from a detached said Charles II. had been five years a proached the question from a detached said Charles II. had been five years a proached the question from a detached said Charles II. had been five years a proached the question from a detached said Charles II. had been five years a proached the question from a detached said Charles II. vance the cause of toleration should Roman Catholic before his death: I standpoint. The House of Commons slam, bolt, and bar the door on Roman am not quite sure whether that state- was doing an enormous act of justice Catholicism. Although the Government rests upon any authentic record. to itself as an assembly of honorable ment might gain transient and popular. I am not aware that there was any men in sweeping away a declaration absolute certainty that Charles II. was hundreds of thousands of people out
absolute certainty that Charles II. was winch was devised in the very worst is far more troublesome to us. (Laughbundreds of thousands of people out
a Roman Catholic before he was in period of all English history, and by ter.) But we should not allow trifling side the House of Commons who would articulo mortis, although, no doubt, the very worst of men—Titus Oates he had very strong Roman Catholic and was passed into law by a parliasympathies for a good many years before his death.

"What was the honorable gentle man's argument on Charles II.? It Lord Hugh Cecil (Conservative, Ox- was that he was quite certain that Charles II. would have taken the an entire misconception to suppose amended form of declaration, but that the high church movement was a would not have taken the original movement towards approximation with form. He has had no opportunity of (Laughter.) I think his genius would Virgin and saints, and the supposed and secret Roman Catholic such as have risen to the height of the occa-Charles II. If they were looking out for sion, whichever alternative had been Declarations Compared.

"I cannot imagine anybody seriously sovereign refusing to take it that he only require him to say that he is a A faithful Protestant than if you require moderate form of words, therefore, did him to select two particular dogmas not diminish, but positively increased, for special condemnation. If anybody can answer that, let him do so. If Continuing, Lord Hugh said he had anybody can show me that in the been in hopes that Mr. Agar-Robartes smallest degree the Protestant succeswould have given some interpretation sion is endangered by this modificaof the difficult passage about the Beast tion, I should vote against the Governin the Apocalypse, and that he would ment without the slightest hesitation. have been able to show that it was the If anybody tells me he thinks in the Pope, and not the prime minister, as future there are dangers which Prot-

both sides of the House have told us this afternoon, that the Roman Catholics have never abandoned their exclusive, or we should say intolerant, attitude, have never given up the

"The point is, do you weaken the Protestant succession by these words: And how you can weaken the Protest-Protestant utterly passes by understanding. (Cheers.) Therefore, I have not the least misgiving from the Protestant point of view as to the proposed us is the best, but at present it seems to me perfectly clear that I am bound to vote for the second reading because think there ought to be a change After the second reading is passed, whatever the ultimate decision may be, if it embodies no great danger to the Protestant succession than the words the right honorable gentleman has proposed this afternoon carry with them, then I think the Protestant succession is as safe as acts of Parliament, oaths, and declarations can possibly make it." (Cheers.)

Mr. W. Redmond (Nationalist, Clare, to the proposed alteration. He could not conceive that it would be the duty of Catholics under any possoble circumstances to interfere in the drafting of the phraseology of this bill in reference to the Protestantism of the King.

Colonel Kyffin Taylor (Conservative, Kirkdale, Liverpool) said it was the desire of his constituents that no change whatever should be made in the existing declaration. They had two grounds for urging this. One was that the spiritual doctrines of the Church of Rome were really the basis of its politics. The other was that experience had shown that the declaration now in use had proved effective. Mr. Mildmay (Conservative, Totnes) condemned the appeals to bitter religious animosities in the recent Kirkdale election. It had set back the clock. Were they going to stir up this religious strife in England, as in Ireland, by refusing a second reading to the bill? It was wholly unnecessary to Mr. C. Craig (Conservative, South

Antrim) expressed "cordial disagreement" with a good deal of what the leader of the Opposition had said. The existing oath might seem harsh. It was not intended to be insulting. Nonconformist Support.

The Rev. Silvester Horne (Liberal, Ipswich) said that since the assurance given by the prime minister he having their effect. Cornwall certainly separate oath of her own. It contained ing the second reading of the bill. had the heartiest pleasure in support-(Cheers.) This gave him the opportunity of saying how heartily he sympathized with those whose desire all through had been that their Roman Catholic fellow-subjects should be rehad to go for their seats to Bally- some of his own constituents, he would and a stigma on their religion. It lieved of what they felt was a slur would be exceedingly offensive to many of those with whom he acted to ask the Mr. Balfour (Conservative, City of King to make use of words they could touch on the Roman Catholic side of feeling of shame. For himself, he reter and cheers.) In point of fact, he believed the na-

tion itself, apart from the extreme

Catholics. should not be offensive to the King. (Cheers.) It would strengthen Protestantism to be relieved of any impumuch, he thought, for Protestantism, Mr. MacNeill (Nationalist, South Donegal) said he occupied a peculiar position. He represented the most Caholic constituency in the United Kingdom, and he was a Protestant which was devised in the very worst ment nine-tenths of whose members were bribed. It was no secret that there was nothing more repugnant to the feelings of the late King than the making of this declaration. Another illustrious person who hated it was Queen Victoria.

Value of Relative Views.

So Wisbech) said he was going to opgious body affecting civic life. Any far as I have been able to form any pose the bill. Whatever the reasons measure which would make it easier idea of the character of that dis- might be, it could not be denied that the fixed mind and determination of for this country to be reconciled to the tinguished monarch - (laughter) - I a very real feeling had been aroused the great majority, the vast majority, Church of Rome ought not to be re- think if he thought it suited his pur- in the county on this subject. He did of the people of these islands. Every lives of Gloucester and New Bedford sisted, but the safeguards of the Prot- pose he would have had no more diffi- not attach any importance to the fact speaker who has taken part in this for reprobation and anathema in the estant succession were not to be culty in dealing with the declaration in that the Roman Catholic Church utmost historic debate has made that as whalers dared every sea. It was like a present declaration. namely, trans-Protestants. That was no argument man, I do not care to what party he at all. (Hear, hear.) Nor did he be- belongs, who got up here and made it lieve that in promoting the bill the plain to this country that he was pre-Government had been actuated by a pared to treat that doctrine as neglighope of catching votes. No message of ible, as something less important, or Charles Reade, as far as we remember, "Let the House compare the two peace and goodwill had ever been met not to be considered as really vital to is the only writer to introduce ambergris declarations. One specifically selects with so much contumely. As to Mr. this country, very soon would be sent into fiction. In "Love Me Little, Love MacNeill's reference to Queen Vic- back to the land. (Laughter.) I could Me Long," David tells Miss Fountain toria, he did not know what ground wish him no worse fate. (Laughter.) how "the skipper stuffed their noses and there was for it. Mr. MacNeill-I gained my belief

House of Lords upon the regency bill of his memoirs. He would have the Mr. Primrose-I do not agree that (Laughter.) uncles always represent the views of their nieces. (Laughter.) I do not think edly, wedded to the old revolution doc- from the Windward Islands a Yanker relationship always means absolute trine of a Protestant succession.

Northeast) though he was not au- papal disability. We live in a time an ounce. Ambergris is often found floatthorized to express the views of the when people think that all disabilities ing on the sea, particularly off the coast Labor party, was confident that sub- ought to be removed. It is a disability of Brazil and Madagascar. The Baha stantially the whole of its members would be found in the lobby in support of the bill. (Cheers.) He himself Our Nonconformist friends quite rechad found that some such proposal ognize that, because they did not like find it hard to account for the fact that was acceptable to the vast majority of the idea, when it was too forcibly preworkingmen who took any interest in sented to them, that the King of Eng- when the substance taken out is valuable

he subject A Sprightly Finish. Mr. Birrell (chief secretary for Ire-land) said he had had the pleasure of it did not thrust it down our throats

# IMPORTANT HINTS ABOUT PRESERVING

When Canning or Preserving, two essentials to good results are: Sound Fruit and Good Sugar. Canada's orchards supply the one and in



Extra Granulated Sugar you have the other. Tell your grocer plainly "Redpath's" Extra Granulated,

When you want Loaf Sugar ask for "Redpath's" Red Seal Paris Lumps in Dust Proof Packages.

The Canada Sugar Refining Co., Limited, Montreal Established in 1854 by John Rednath

## At the Outset

Young married couples should start their housekeeping careers aright. Remember, Mrs. June-Bride, that

# **Eddy's Indurated Ware**

Is the best on the market. Also that Eddy's "SILENT" Matches are absolutely safe and harmless.

MATCHES, PAPER OF ALL DESCRIPTIONS. WOODENWARE, PAILS, TUBS AND WASH BOARDS.



### EARLY INDISCRETIONS AND EXCESSES HAVE UNDER-MINED YOUR SYSTEM

The nerves control all actions of the body so that anything that debilitates them will weaken all organs of the system. Early Indiscretions and Excesses have ruined thousands of promising young men. Unnatural Drains sap their vigor and vitality and they never develo to a proper condition of manhood. They remain weal lings, mentally, physically and sexually. How you feel? Are you nervous and weak, despondent and gloomy specks before the eyes with dark circles under them weak back, kidneys irritable, palpitation of the heart bashful, debilitating dreams, sediment in urine, pimples on the face, eyes sunken, hollow cheeks, careworn ex pression, poor memory, lifeless, distrustful, lack energy and strength, tired mornings, restless nights, change ble moods, premature decay, bone pains, hair loose, e

This is the condition our New Method Treatment is GUARANTEED TO CURE We have treated Diseases of Mon for almost a life time and do not have to experiment. Consult u FREE OF CHARGE

and we will tell you whether you are curable or not We guarantee curable cases of NERVOUS DEBILITY, VARICOSE VEINS, BLOOD AND SKIN DISEASES, GLEET, BLADDER URINARY AND KIDNEY COMPLAINTS

Free Booklet on Diseases of Men. If unable to **OUESTION LIST FOR HOME TREATMENT** 

# Drs.KENNEDY & KENN Cor. Michigan Ave. and Griswold St., Detroit, Mich.

All letters from Canada must be addressed to our Canadian Correspondence Department in Windsor, Ont. If you desire to see us personally call at our Medical Institute in Detroit as we see and treat

no patients in our Windsor offices which are for Correspondence and Laboratory for Canadian business only. Address all letters as follows: DRS. KENNEDY & KENNEDY, Windsor, Ont.

Write for our private address.

Laughter.) He hoped it might be ex- mind that. (Laughter.) tended as time went on. (Laughter.) The leader of the Opposition made in not a personal feeling. I do not know the course of the evening a most ad- that any in this House would have mirable speech-admirable in the the Electress Sophia in their family sense that it converted one or two tree. (Laughter.) Many people though wavering gentlemen on the Government these disabilities were all going to be side of the House, (Laughter.) Now, removed. Now they find, at all events

wanted. (Laughter.) rell went on, "when our constituents shall continue." take not to drink, but to ink, (Laughter.) It is less deleterious to them; it considerations of that sort to trouble us. Our minds, after all, are not centred in our seats. (Prolonged laughter.) My intellectual apparatus, such as it is, is more honorably (Loud laughter.)

"For the first time, I venture to say, in consequence of this admirable disseeing that this old doctrine of the Protestant succession represents really Back to the land, and probably very soon treating with John Murray, or means of livelihood, at any rate.

"This country is strongly, determinthink that is a most invaluable thing, years did cut out of a whale 130 pounds because nobody can deny that the doc- of ambergris, which was sold for £500. Clynes (Labor, Manchester, trine of the Protestant succession is a The price quoted for many years was \$4 land could not be a Baptist, or a Meth odist. It may be that the act of sethearing friends on the front Opposition again. But we are thrusting it down DANDRUFF.

benches expressing diametrically op- the throats of the Roman Catholics and he rejoiced, and Nonconformists do not seem "Here is a regular disability. It is

that was the sort of speech that they that the mind and will of the people for the first time honestly expressed in "It is always disagreeable," Mr. Bir- Parliament, is that these disabilities

The House then divided on the amendment for rejection of the bill: For the amendment ..... 84 Against ......410

Majority for the bill ..... 326 The bill was then read a second time vithout a division.

## AMBERGRIS TREASURE.

The story of how a Manchester (N. H.) cussion and this delightful debate- painter found in the St. Lawrence River for the first time after 200 or more a lump of greyish substance weighing The Hon. Neil Primrose (Liberal, years we have had an opportunity of 38 pounds, and how he has discovered that the solid fatty stuff is ambergris and is worth \$30,000, recalls the nearest thing to romance that ever entered into the whalers, in the old days when American lottery. Once in a lifetime you might chance on the decaying body of a whale, giving off an awful small, and inside that whale would be a fortune enough so that you would never have to go to sea again vinegar, and they lighted short pines and Roman Catholic at heart. What plaus- What do you do when you declare from a speech delivered in 1840 in the Smith, Elder & Co., for the publication broached the brig upon the putrescent monster and grappled to it; and the skipper jumped on it and drove his spade (sharp steel) in behind the whale's side

> It is a matter of record that not far I skinner in one of the best old whaling the smell of the dead whale is so horrible lyn Eagle.

> > MINARDIS