

ENGLISH SOCIETY GOSSIP.

The Princess of Wales and her daughters will not be in London at all during the season.

The Prince of Wales and Prince George will be in London during June, while the yacht Osborne is fitting out for their Norway cruise, but they will accept no invitations.

Americans are not arriving in London in very great numbers so far, but steamship agents say that their advance bookings for return passages are quite up to last year.

Well informed people who have seen the Prince and Princess on the Riviera say that the reports as to their physical break-down over Prince Eddie's death are not exaggerated in the least.

Lord Dufferin is only the eighth ambassador sent by Great Britain to France since 1814; while the latter power has been represented at the Court of St. James by no less than thirty-eight men in that period.

After several changes, the Queen has finally fixed the date of the Drawing-Rooms for Monday, May 16, and Wednesday, May 18. Her Majesty will receive in person, assisted by Princess Christian and Princess Beatrice.

Edwin Elwell's statue of Dickens finds cordial approval from the best English artists. The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress take a keen interest in securing it for London. Mr. Elwell is exceedingly well received in the best artistic and literary circles of English society.

The doings of the three Rosenfelds at the Monte Carlo gaming tables recall one lone instance of the successful gambler who retired with his winnings and thereafter risked them never again. He was Col. Panton, of Panton street, London, who is declared to have won at cards in one night enough, if invested, to bring him in an annual income of £1,500, and who thereupon "retired and lived a pastoral life to the end of his days."

William Walleth, "the Queen's jester," has died, and it is believed this office will not be filled again.

It is one of the most interesting survivals of Middle-Age life. There will no doubt be a protest after Tennyson dies against another appointment to the Poet Laureatship. There was a time when the court jester was a more important personage than the court poet. Riza Pasha, at Constantinople, in 1858, had a court jester who was a woman, and Montezuma, when Cortez found and worried him to death, had, it is believed, two court clowns, one of each sex.

THE KENNEDYS.

"The heather is on fire!" At 11 o'clock Friday, the prisoners Kennedy heavily manacled and chained were dragged into the august presence of Mr. Speaker, and after hearing their doom were conducted back to their dark and dreary dungeon, where they will remain until the hour of their deliverance. The harrowing spectacle moved the leader of the opposition to tears.

The sentence of the House appears very indistinct—some think it means death, while others look upon it as a huge joke. At the hour of going to press the K's are said to be resting beautifully, and not losing much sleep.

9 a.m.—James Kennedy ate a light breakfast.

9.30—The brothers appear resigned to their fate.

9.35—Robert Kennedy is losing flesh.

9.45—The serjeant-at-arms has been instructed not to deny the martyrs "spiritual" consolation.

9.46—Parson Brown will remain with them until the last hour.

9.46½—The Kennedys say that they forgive everybody, except the brass band that serenaded them.

9.47—The Private Bills Committee have forwarded the prisoners a pretty bouquet of forget-me-nots.

9.48—James Kennedy will write a book, and may give it the title of "Bars, Bolts, and Political Matters Generally," with elaborate footnotes by William Harrington Ellis.

9.50—Some friend of the Kennedys has sent them a deed of a Bogusburg lot, and they now seem anxious to die.

9.51—There is likely to be some difficulty in the further prosecution of the Kennedys, inasmuch as the serjeant-at-arms is unable to decipher the Speaker's warrant.

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VICTORIA, B. C.

Four Room House with street on either side partly fenced, beautiful garden land, \$850.
PORT ANGELES—50 acres, \$30 per acre, short distance from town.

TWO LOTS—Victoria West, with two houses 120 feet x 139, corner, all fenced, \$4000.
MONTREAL ST., James Bay—Lot on front, 104 feet, good house, \$2600.

CRAIGFLOWER ROAD—Lot 120x80, small, new house, \$700, corner lot.

SOOKE DISTRICT—117 acres on the water front, close to railway terminus, \$1,200.

CHATHAM ST.—One lot and 7-room house, \$1700. \$500 or \$750 cash, balance in 2 years.

SOUTH TURNER ST., James Bay, next street to one to water, \$1,300.

FRONT ST., Esquimalt Road—12 to 14 trees, \$500.

ESQUIMALT ROAD—Lot 20, by switch of Tram Co's Line, \$700.

JAMES BAY—Lot and two houses, renting at \$25 per month, \$2,800.

One 13-room house, 2 acres of land, all fenced and cultivated, highest part of the city and overlooking everybody, \$13,000.

OAK BAY, on the water side—7-room house and beautifully situated for bathing facilities, this is an absolute bargain, \$1,650.

Four and a half acres in Saanich District for \$13 per month without interest; also farm of 76 acres on Saanich Road.

ROCK BAY—Two beautiful lots, very suitable for a garden.

EDMONTON ROAD—Lot 18, Block 70, good garden soil, \$425.

Hotel to lease, doing a good business, with four acres of land, \$1,700.

Eighty acres of land, all of first-class quality, Saanich, 30 acres absolutely clear and 50 acres nearly so, facing salt water, \$6,500.

EARL STREET—Two 4-acre lots, \$800 each, partly fenced, well situated. Also one acre of land with house and improvements—\$3,200. Terms easy.

BELMOT AVENUE—One lot, beautifully situated, \$600; also one lot, \$550.

FERNWOOD ROAD and Johnson Street—A fine 3-story dwelling containing 8 rooms, closets, hot and cold water, \$3,600.

VICTORIA WEST—A new 5-roomed house on Front street, fine, airy situation, \$1,200.

FAIRFIELD ESTATE—Dwelling house, seven rooms, rented at \$14 per month, \$1,300.

LAKE DISTRICT—6 acres partly cleared, situated near tram line, \$2,100.

CONSTANCE COVE—About one acre of land fronting on salt water, \$2,500. \$500 cash.

BEACON HILL—Beautiful house and lot, every convenience, 8 rooms, \$4,200.

PINE ST., Victoria West—Very good lot cleared, \$525.

ALBERT, B. C.—152 acres of beautiful land, barn, stables and everything complete, capable of being made into a first class home for right party, \$3,200.

POWDERLEY AVENUE—Lot 21 113x118x120, \$525.

VICTORIA WEST—One house to sell, 5-rooms, bath and pantry, hot and cold water laid on all over the house, \$1,500 very easy terms. Two houses to let, \$12 and \$16 per month, respectively.

PINE ST., Victoria West—Lot 60x150, fenced, cleared, small house (new), water laid on, \$1,200. Very easy terms.

OAK BAY AVENUE—2 lots 60x120, \$500 each.

ALFRED STREET—One lot, 30x175, \$175.

OAK BAY, Water Front—Large lot, 60 feet front on road and about 120 feet on water, \$1,000.

CADBORO BAY ROAD—Lot, 40x120, \$450.

CADBORO BAY ROAD—Two 7-room houses, very easy terms, \$4,200.

CHAMBERS ST., cor. North Park St.—3 lots, \$2,650.

CHATHAM ST., cor. Stanley Avenue—Two beautiful lots, 108x120, \$2,000.

VICTORIA WEST, Powderly Avenue—A fine lot, 60x120, \$325. \$75 cash.

ESQUIMALT DISTRICT—100 acres excellent timber, all good land, no rock, adjoining Public School, \$3,000.

METCHOSIN DISTRICT—102 acres land, 4 acres cleared, 40 acres slashed, two log houses, two rooms each, \$30 per acre.

House of 5 rooms, bath and pantry, \$1,400. \$18 per month.

No WILD CAT schemes, but solid bargains.