

Henry H. Asquith,
Britain's Premier

The public are less familiar with the details of Mr. Asquith's career than with those of many other public men. The time for a full life is fortunately not yet, but the biography of the prime minister which Mr. Harold Spender has written, supplies in very interesting and readable form personal facts which will be new to numbers who are fairly familiar with his public life. A well known story runs that a Balliol man addressing Doctor Jowett when Mr. Asquith left Oxford, put to him this question: "Will Asquith get on?" To which the reply was: "Yes he will get on; he is so direct." That prophecy has been amply fulfilled.

But while the "directness" is there, Mr. Asquith, we are assured, has a "soft and mild side."

In private his wit is always kindly and often boyish in its movement. "They don't often catch you napping," he said to the greatest of his time when he found him dead asleep from fatigue. He loves to sport with his children, and he is, as a rule, with those near him, a thoroughly genial and hearty companion. To his intimates, indeed, he is rather the comrade than the Chief; to his family the fond and best-beloved of fathers; to his secretaries the most loyal and tolerant of masters; to his Cabinets the best of friends—quick to praise, slow to blame, large, generous, appreciative, helpful.

Yet always there is the feeling of power behind, and this, according to Mr. Asquith's latest biographer, is the secret of his mastery.

HIS RECREATIONS
Mr. Asquith loves recreation, although one might hardly think it. According to the author:

He reads many novels—chiefly novels of the old-fashioned type, for he is little in love with modernism and realism in fiction. He plays auction bridge. He is still as fond of the theatre as when he was a boy. Rather late in life he took to golf, and although he does not aspire to be a mock-professional, he plays a good steady game. Although starved of sports in early life he still loves them with a true British devotion.

How then, it is asked, explain his reputation for being a remote, rather austere figure?

The explanation, it is urged, lies partly in his habit of aloofness. He goes rarely into the lobbies and smoke-rooms of the House, and then passes rapidly, seeing few. He loathes the more vulgar aspects of party management and organization. It requires all the scouring of his whip to bring him to the point of the popularising himself. He is almost a Coriolanus in this matter of reserve. Being shy himself, he flatters others by believing that the too object to those readings of the soul which men call familiarity. So he flies from the Treasury Bench to his private room.

He has, as far as I know never been interviewed; he cultivates no press following. To Fleet street indeed it would appear, he is the least accessible prime minister that ever lived only a mile away in Downing street. "Still, with all this, Mr. Asquith is a friendly, family, very human man."

TOWN PLANING ACT
NEEDED IN TORONTO

Toronto, Nov. 12.—The Ontario Horticultural Association, which, through its four core branches, has 1,400 members on its rolls, will petition the Ontario Government to put upon the statute books of the province a Town Planning Act. The association went on record on this effect yesterday, appointing D. B. Whyte, of Ottawa, as a delegate to the Canadian Town Planning League.

Yesterday's sessions of the convention were largely of a business nature, the election of officers and delegates being held.

Rev. G. W. Tebb, of Hamilton, was elected president of the association, succeeding J. H. Bennett, of Barrie. The other officers are: First Vice-President, Dr. F. E. Bennett, St. Thomas; Second Vice-President, Prof. Crow, O.A.C., Guelph; Secretary and Editor, J. Lockie Wilson, Toronto; Treasurer, C. A. Hesson, St. Catharines.

The following were elected directors: District No. 1, Rev. A. H. Scott, Perth; No. 2, H. J. Clark, Belleville; No. 3, R. Whorley, Halleybury; No. 4, T. D. Dockery, Toronto; No. 5, James Ogilvie, Hamilton; No. 6, Wm. Harry, Seaford; No. 7, R. W. Brooks, Brantford; No. 8, Dr. J. A. Blacklock, Toronto; Prof. Macoun, Ottawa; Wm. Hunt, O.A.C., Guelph; Mrs. Robbs, Vineland Station; John Cavers, Oakville, and J. C. Combie, St. Thomas.

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Representative to the Canadian National Exhibition, W. B. Burgoyne, St. Catharines; representatives to the American Civic Association, Rev. A. H. Scott, Perth; J. Lockie Wilson, Toronto, and Mrs. Caldwell, Windsor.

Committee on Names and Varieties: H. J. Moore, Niagara Falls, chairman; F. E. Buck, Ottawa; Mrs. M. E. Blacklock, Toronto; Prof. Macoun, Ottawa; Wm. Hunt, O.A.C., Guelph; Mrs. Robbs, Vineland Station; John Cavers, Oakville, and J. C. Combie, St. Thomas.

An Appeal.

By Special Wire to the Courier.

Paris, Nov. 12.—Henri Robert, president of the Paris Bar Association, speaking at the American Club last night, appealed to the American ambassador and the United States Government to endeavor by diplomatic means to secure the release of the eminent Belgian lawyer, M. Theodor, president of the Brussels Bar Association, from the German prison at Insterhausen, where he said he was confined without any specific charge against him.

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New Additions Added
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The first important change was the introduction of a new partner in the business, the late Mr. Harry W. Doeringer. Harry is an expert mechanic. At the time of his coming into the firm, necessary equipment was added to enable them to carry on the work with the mechanical repairing of all kinds, such as fans, motors, vacuum cleaners, electric irons, toasters and cooking apparatus generally.

Shortly after this change, it again became necessary to add to their equipment and tools and machinery were added for the handling of small and delicate mechanical parts, such as those of typewriters, adding machines, computing scales, sewing machines, barber's clippers, horse clippers, lawn mowers, saws, skates and scissors.

In the spring of 1915 the wiring and electrical fixture business was discontinued in order to allow the senior member of the firm, Mr. A. W. Doeringer, to devote his whole time to special electrical repairs. In connection with this department, complete equipment was installed for the charging and repairing of electric storage batteries of all kinds.

During a visit early this year to Toronto, Mr. A. W. Doeringer investigated the possibilities of the Davis-Bournonville Oxy-Acetylene welding process, with the result that he has now secured a complete outfit for this high-grade work was installed in their plant. Previous to this installation, Mr. Harry Doeringer took the full course of training for this work in Toronto and is now prepared to do welding on cast iron, steel, aluminum, brass or copper. This means a considerable saving to their customers, as the firm is now able to do the welding and many parts of machinery which formerly had to be entirely renewed. As Oxy-Acetylene is practically a new welding device, the Doeringer Electric and Repair Co. are only too pleased to explain the process to prospective customers who call upon them.

Both members of the firm are practical men of long experience, which explains, in a large measure, their rapid business advancement and success. All work is executed promptly, and "accuracy" is their middle name. The Doeringer Electric and Repair Company are located at 120 Dalhousie street, Brantford, opposite the Market.

Economic Value of Birds.
The insects that destroy our fruit crops attack every portion of the tree and its fruit. The woolly aphid attacks the roots; the trunk and limbs are preyed upon by millions of plant lice, scale-insects and borers; the leaves are devastated by the all-devouring leaf-worms, canker-worms and tent-caterpillars, while the fruit itself is attacked by the curculio, codling-moth and apple-maggot. By the annual expenditure of about \$6,000,000 in cash in the spraying of apple-trees, the destructiveness of the codling-moth and curculio have been greatly reduced; but of course that great sum must be set down as a total loss to the farmers and consumers in addition to a shrinkage of \$12,000,000 in the annual crop from insect ravages that could not be prevented.

Now, in view of the foregoing, is it, or is it not, worth while for serious minded men to do their very utmost continuously to protect from foolish and brutal slaughter man's only allies in the insect war, the insect eating birds?—William T. Hornsley in "Wild Life Conservation."

MARKETS

CHICAGO MARKETS

Chicago, Nov. 12.—Cattle receipts, 2000; market strong; native beef \$6.00 to \$10.20; Western steers, \$6.40 to \$8.50; cows and heifers, \$2.75 to \$8.20; calves, \$5.50 to \$10.50. Hogs, receipts, 20,000; market strong; light, \$6.00 to \$6.95; mixed, \$6.10 to \$7.25; heavy, \$6.05 to \$7.25; rough \$6.10 to \$6.50; pigs \$3.75 to \$6.10; bulk of sales, \$6.30 to \$6.50. Sheep, receipts, 7,000; market steady; wethers \$5.85 to \$6.35; lambs, native, \$7 to \$9.15.

BUFFALO MARKETS

By Special Wire to the Courier.
East Buffalo, Nov. 12.—Cattle, receipts, 1,000 head; fairly active and steady.

Veals—Receipts 900 head; slow and steady, heavy \$4 to \$12.

Hogs—Receipts 1,400 head; slow and steady, heavy, \$7.15 to \$7.35; mixed, \$7 to \$7.15; Yorkers, \$6.50 to \$7.05; pigs \$6.25 to \$6.50; roughs, \$6 to \$6.10; stags \$5 to \$5.75.

Sheep and lambs—Receipts, 8,000 head; slow and steady; lambs steady; lambs \$6 to \$7; ewes \$5.50 to \$7.50; wethers \$5 to \$6.25; ewes, \$3 to \$5.50; sheep, mixed, \$5.75 to \$6.

Quaint Old Names
For English Inns

"Man Loaded With Mischief" is the name of an inn in the Madingley road, Cambridge but it is not stranger than many others. At Underwood, Notts, is an inn called "The Trav in the Hole," and in the neighborhood of Somerset Coats, "The Old House at Home." An other inn at the same place is called, "The Old English Gentleman."

It is a debatable point whether the sign of "The Man Loaded with Mischief" was painted by Hogarth. But it is his satire, for it represents a man carrying a woman, which is a many a misconception.

"The Bag of Nails" is really "The Bacchanals." "The Goat and Compasses" is an ignorant shot at the old motto, "God encompasses us," while "The George and the Cannon" is a modern corruption of George Canning, who was prime minister when the inn was built.

One of the funniest of these corruptions is "The Iron Devil," a corruption of "Hironelle (swallow)." It is said that the inn called "The Pig and Tindler Box" was originally "The Elephant and Castle," but a very poor artist was engaged to paint the sign and somebody said it looked like a pig and tinker box, and the name stuck until it ousted the old one.

"The Plum and Feathers," an inn in Oxford, should be "Plume of Feathers," and "The Rose of the Quarter Seasons" was originally "La Rose de Quatre Saisons." One might think "The Ship and Shovel" belonged to the same category, but it does not. The reference is to Sir Cloudeley Shovel, the powder monkey who became an admiral in the reign of Queen Anne.—London Tit-Bits.

Serbians All Fighting.

The appeal of Serbia to the United States Minister against the extermination of the civil population by the Germans fits in with the report to the Berlin Lokal-Anzeiger that "even women and children" are fighting. Of course they are! They might as well fight and be killed as to be killed without fighting. In connection with this department, complete equipment was installed for the charging and repairing of electric storage batteries of all kinds.

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(The New York Evening Post.)

There appeared in the advertising columns of this paper a few days ago an account of a railroad enterprise which has an interest far wider than that attaching to the particular railroad concerned. The Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railway Company is on the point of completing the electrification of a stretch of road crossing three mountain ranges and extending over a distance of 440 miles; and it contemplates, though not in the immediate future, the extension of this work to the Pacific coast, which would make a total of 80 miles of continuous electric travel, or a distance not much short of that from here to Chicago. According to the statement made by the company, this enterprise has been undertaken purely on economic grounds, with the expectation that superior operating results with electric locomotives will effect a sufficient reduction on the present cost of steam operation to make the investment pay, but it would be rash to draw any general conclusion from this circumstance, in view of the fact that water-power is utilized upon this railroad, and that the question of the cost of coal is one that enters in very different degrees in the case of different railroads. Yet one cannot avoid the feeling that, in one way or another, the example of so large an experiment in the substitution of electricity for steam will prove a great stimulus towards the introduction of the improvement in many parts of our railroad system.

What an immense improvement the use of electricity instead of steam effects in the comfort and pleasure of railway travel, New Yorkers have the amplest reason to realize. Our subway system has been made possible by it; and while we have the elevated railways before a million men and women every day now enjoy a clean and agreeable ride, whereas in the early days they had to put up with the smoke and cinders of the steam locomotives in their journey up and down, while the dwellers in the adjacent houses suffered most seriously from the nuisance. Even more striking is the change that has taken place as to the trains entering the Grand Central Station; it is difficult to imagine the horrible condition which would exist, with the present enormous traffic, if electricity had not come to the rescue. On long journeys, however, we have to suffer from the dirt, or bad air, or both, as of old; a clean journey with plenty of fresh air, is still the more pleasant dream. But what with the actual economy realizable in some cases, and what with public demand for what may gradually come to be regarded as an essential of comfortable travel in other cases, there is reason to hope that electric railroad-ing will in a not distant future be the normal thing for a large part of our entire passenger traffic.

As one reads of the great electric locomotives that are to pull the trains over the mountains—locomotives of 3,440 horsepower, 112 feet long, and weighing 260 tons—one recalls with a curious wonder the way in which electricity has grown, in a few score years, from a matter of almost solely scientific curiosity into a mighty agency in the affairs of life. An article in the current number of the Scientific Monthly, as it happens, recites the story of the beginning out of which this gigantic growth has been developed.

On the morning of Christmas Day, 1821, Faraday called his wife into his laboratory to witness, for the first time, the history of man, the revolution of a magnet around an electrical current. The foundations of electromagnetism were laid and the edifice built by Faraday upon this foundation in the fourteen succeeding years. In those years and from those labors, the electric-motor, the motor generator, the electrical utilization of water power, the electric car, electric lighting, the telephone and telegraph, in short all that is comprised in modern electrical machinery, came actually or potentially into being. The little rotating magnet which Faraday showed his wife was, in fact, the first electric motor.

And those who got their knowledge of electricity at college in the sixties or early seventies of the last century will remember that the only conspicuous example of its practical application with which they became acquainted, even at that time, was the telegraph. But, just as Faraday's fundamental searches absorbed his energies for fourteen years after his initial discovery, so the investigators and inventors who have built on these foundations have had to labor for years to gain each new step in advance. Thus the outsider oscillates between a sense of dumb wonder, at the miracles that have been worked in so short a time and a feeling almost the opposite—a feeling that with the root of the matter in hand the development might have been expected to be more rapid.

To the man who really knows, neither the swiftness nor the slowness of the process is a mystery. In connection with such advances as that of the electrification of steam railroads, still more with such spectacular achievements as those recorded within a few weeks in telephony, both wireless and over the wires, questions of private enterprise as compared with Government ownership and operation naturally suggest themselves.

selves. They are not questions that admit of a single answer, yes or no. But certainly in point of initiative, and of variety and energy of effort, the manifestations of what private enterprise finds itself prompted to do furnish impressive arguments in favor of that side of the case.

Especially under a popular government such as ours, the power to make industrial experiments on a vast scale, and involving enormous expense, could be granted only with great caution. Another aspect of the matter, too, is by no means of small importance; the difficulty of determining the local distribution of such improvements and advances as may be found possible. With a railway mileage greater than that of all Europe, with questions of transportation playing a far more crucial part than they do in any other country, the normal economic factors of the case would alone make the problem with us very different from what it is in the compact and old-settled European countries; and when we add to this an appreciation of the part which may be played in the future by question like that of electrification, we see how involved, as well as how gigantic, would be the problems of Government ownership and operation.

His Father's Photo.

Two British officers were motoring back to headquarters from the front recently when they noticed a Tommy trudging along looking very exhausted and ill. They immediately stopped the car and told the man to get in.

The officers soon put him at ease and talked freely with him, with the result that he gained confidence and began to speak of his parents and his fiancée, and finally brought a photo of the latter from his pocket. The officers congratulated the Tommy on his good luck, and he ventured the remark, "I suppose you, too, carry a photo of someone about with you."

The younger of the two officers could not slightly and replied, with a smile, "Well, I've got my father's photo with me, and I'll make you a present of one if you like," and the young officer took a sovereign from his pocket and slipped it into the man's hand. Tommy's companions were the Prince of Wales and a brother-officer.

During the battle of Neuve Chapelle a young officer, a lieutenant in a Highland regiment, had his face half turned upwards, when a piece of shell struck the left side of his face and blew away most of the lower jaw. Valadier, a military dental operator, put a new floor to the man's mouth, actually induced two inches of bone to grow on the lower jaw, fixed complete artificial teeth, and healed the remains of the lips, with the result that now the man is as normal as ever and the only result of his mishaps is a slight scar by the mouth.

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