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Glimpses from Press Gallery.

Ottawa, Feb. 11. People of Western Ontario will be glad to learn that it seems to be generally understood the position of deputy speaker of the House of Commons will fall to the lot of Dr. Macdonald, member for East Huron; and it is not too much to say the appointment is one of the best and most acceptable that could be made.

Dr. Macdonald has given much study to trade and financial questions. On the question of transportation he has become one of the specialists, from the standpoint of the producers' interest, with which, of course, every other interest is bound up. In the closing session of the last parliament, Dr. Macdonald made one of the ablest speeches on the transportation question ever heard in the house.

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If I were disposed to use the member for East Huron as an example, I would say to the young members coming in to the house for the first time, that Dr. Macdonald's standing in parliament has not been achieved by simply sticking his feet up on the table of a smoking-room, and spending the maximum of time on gossip, and merely a passing minimum of time on books; and when I speak of books, I mean real books.

The position of deputy speaker carries a salary, and considerable political and social eclat. Dr. Macdonald is accompanied to Ottawa this session by his agreeable family, consisting of Mrs. Macdonald and Miss Macdonald, together with his other daughter, Mrs. Horsey, of Owen Sound, who has come to Ottawa with her husband, the Liberal M. P. for North Grey. And perhaps this may be a natural place for a word about Dr. E. N. Horsey, who so gallantly redeemed North Grey at the recent Dominion general election. Dr. Horsey ran once before, some ten years ago, though unsuccessfully. He was then only 23 years of age. Afterwards he accepted the position of introducer and manager of the business of the Sun Life Company in Eastern Asia, performing his duties very successfully for some eight years. Still a young man, full of life and energy, only 33 years of age, the Liberal banner was placed in his hands in the recent contest in North Grey, with the result that he stormed and successfully carried the erstwhile Tory riding. Of pleasant and taking personality, he is said to be also a good speaker. Those who know him best expect him to be heard from.

I suppose readers have often observed references to "Number Sixteen." That is the large and handsome room occupied as a rendezvous by the Liberal members of the house. Looking towards the west and northwest, the charming views of river and far-away hills range introduce the element of the romantic and picturesque. Room sixteen has comfortable seats; all appliances for writing, newspapers, etc.; and here, when neither house nor committee is in session, the members chat, and discuss matters of state, as well as matters of lesser import. It is a sort of conversational club. Within room sixteen is generated, focussed and consolidated no small share of that sentiment which, when winnowed, often ends up in acts of parliament. When the Conservatives were in power, room sixteen belonged to them, being the largest; while the

Liberals occupied the pleasant but smaller room, number six. The Liberals being in power, and therefore, most numerous, now occupy number sixteen; while the Conservatives, being in opposition, and, therefore, less numerous, have their rendezvous in number six. My affiliations are such that I naturally do not see much of number six, but I can testify as to number sixteen, that there can be found as interesting, informal, and agreeable men as one would desire to meet. I have often been struck, in traveling, whether on a steamer or on the train—wherever men have the opportunity of a little leisure—how interesting and agreeable many persons are, who carry quite a different reputation, obtained in the rush and competition of their ordinary callings.

The speech of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, in moving the address of condolence to King Edward VII., on the death of Queen Victoria, was felicitous and appropriate to the occasion. The subject and occasion were difficult, so much having been written and said on the subject previously. The premier looked tall, grave and dignified, and he spoke in tones more subdued than usual, with now and then a quiet gesture. The deep air of attention over the house and galleries as he spoke was noticeable. They have all

GLANCING OVER THE OLD WORLD

Comment on the Official History of the War in South Africa—Opening Acts of King Edward's Reign—Britain, Germany and Portugal in Close Accord.

THE WAR IN AFRICA.

London, Feb. 10.—I. N. Ford, in his special cable letter this morning, says: "The official history of the war in South Africa has been brought down to August by the publication of the dispatches of Lord Roberts, General Buller, General Hunter and General Baden-Powell. It is a voluminous budget, stocked with morals and strictures which will provide experts with employment for many months. Lord Roberts' comments upon the Sannas Post reverse are ambiguous, but Colonel Broadwood is exonerated from responsibility, while Sir Henry Colville is mildly censured for indecision. This is the main controversial point covered by these dispatches. Otherwise Lord Roberts' criticism is mainly directed against the business side of the military management. He has adopted Lord Kitchener's view that there was no organized transport service for South Africa, when he took command of the forces, and that the greatly vaunted army service corps had gone to pieces. Members of that branch of the service have been reproaching Lord Kitchener since January of last year, for interference with a well-ordered system, but they will now have Lord Roberts' unequivocal support.

THE CAMPAIGN DRAGS.

The campaign is apparently dragging because nearly two hundred thousand soldiers are needed for the protection of the lines of communication, and barely more than twenty thousand are available for active operations against Boer commands, and they are held up every fortnight because their horses have given out and cannot be replaced. The week's exertions and alarms have not been exciting, but it is singular that at the close experts should be repeating the same old moral which was heard after the occupation of Bloemfontein, and commended that nothing but the lack of 50,000 fresh soldiers prevents a speedy close of the guerrilla warfare. While the war office is actively employed in sending 30,000 fresh troops, mainly mounted, to the theater of war, in addition to the colonial levies already mustered, there seems to be no guarantee that there will be horses in sufficient number to enable the cavalry to hunt down the Boers.

THE ONLY PEACEMAKER.

Referring to the reported change of Mr. Chamberlain's South African policy, Mr. Ford says: "Mr. Chamberlain has been annoyed by an unfounded and fantastic report that he has been in consultation with Sir William Harcourt and Mr. Morley, with a view of making proposals to the Boers for bringing the war to a close. The details which have come from Birmingham were hardly headed. General Kitchener is the only peacemaker in sight, and the progress of his negotiations with infantry battalions and mounted forces is imperceptible."

THE NEW REIGN.

Discussing the opening acts of the reign of King Edward, Mr. Ford says: "There is an impression that the opening acts of the new reign are colored by the King's popularity, but it is evident that no mistakes have been made,

ready read the speech, so it need not be summarized. Very felicitous were those sentences where he showed the purity of the literature of the Victorian age had been but a reflection of the purity of the Queen's character and court; and not less felicitous, his view that the greatest event, after all, of a great reign, had been the immense strides in colonial development, based on local self-government, and combined with loyalty to the crown and empire of Great Britain.

The Old Boys of London or thereabouts drop up everywhere, and everywhere hold their own. The man who beat Nicholas Flood Davin in the recent election is Walter Scott, publisher of the Regina Leader. He is a young man, only a little way into the thirties; and with the air of vigor that seems to come from the atmosphere of our western prairie country. Much may properly be expected from a man of parts who gets so early a start. Londoners will watch his career with more interest when they learn that he belongs to the region of London, out along the road through Hyde Park towards Lobo township. It is about 15 years since he went west, to grow up with our growing far Western Canada; and now, while still a very young man, he comes back to Ottawa as a member of the Dominion Parliament.

and that he is taking a hearty interest in his work and employing large reserves of tact in doing the right thing in the right way. Arrangements are being made for the opening of parliament next week with unworldly pomp and splendor. If the King shares the feeling of apprehension entertained by other sovereigns respecting the risks incurred in the public appearances of royalty he conceals it bravely, and does not neglect the duties which are imposed by tradition. His march to Westminster will be conducted in great state, and the ceremonies there will be attended mainly by the privileged class. Peers and peers' sons are already booked for the place of Westminster, and there will be a muster of smart society in the galleries of both houses.

ROYALTY ABROAD.

While the plans of the King for a foreign journey are uncertain, the intelligence that the Duke of Cornwall and York will go to Australia and Canada and carry out the original programme for opening the first parliament of the new commonwealth has caused general satisfaction. The announcement is satisfactory proof that the alarming reports about the duke's declining health and increasing feebleness had been unrounded. His visit to Australia is regarded as a state event of great importance in stimulating enthusiasm for the imperial federation. The duke's title will probably be changed to Prince of Wales about the time of his arrival in the South Seas.

A COMING CHANGE.

All the society journals take it for granted that there will be a marked transition from the widowed Queen's court in retirement to a more luxurious and brilliant one, and that the English millionaires. The plutocracy against which the old landed interests vainly sought to establish social barriers is now coming in with a rush, if these rumors can be believed, and the state functions at Buckingham Palace will be the most brilliant in the world, as befits the richest capital of the greatest empire. Social croakers are sounding a warning against the coming triumphs of spurious smartness, and are asserting that the King needs deliverance most of all from the flatterers and adventurers surrounding him. The King certainly has known more about the real character of Eng-



Look Ahead, Girls.

If young girls would look ahead it would sometimes save them from serious collision with the men they marry. It is here that ignorance is almost a crime. The young husband cannot understand it when the wife changes to a peevish, nervous, querulous woman. And the young wife does not understand it herself. She only knows that she is very miserable. If ever there is a time when nature needs help it is when the young girl is adjusting herself to the new conditions of wifehood. Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription makes weak women strong and sick women well. It promotes regularity, dries debilitating drains, heals inflammation and ulceration, and cures female weakness. Sick women are invited to consult Dr. Pierce, by letter, free. All womanly confidences are guarded with strict professional privacy. Write without fear or fee to Dr. R. V. Pierce, Buffalo, N. Y. "I will drop you a few lines to-day to let you know that I am feeling well again," writes Miss Annie Steadman of Haverhill, Mass. "I took several bottles of the Favorite Prescription and Golden Medical Discovery. I have no headache now, no backache, and no pain in my side any more. No bearing-down pain any more. I think there is no medicine like Dr. Pierce's medicine. Thank you very much for what you have done for me—your medicine has done me so much good."

The Runners Gray, Carrie Co, 208, 210, 210 1/2 and 212 DUNDAS STREET, LONDON, ONT.

JUST A WORD MORE

In the course of a few days our great White Goods Sale will have right of way. In the meantime we continue the reduction prices that have ruled during our Dissolution Sale.

- During Sale a 10c Wrapperette for 7 1/2c
During Sale a 12 1/2c Wrapperette for 10c
During Sale a 15c Wrapperette for 12 1/2c
During Sale a \$1 35 Comforter for \$1 08
During Sale a \$1 50 Comforter for \$1 20
During Sale a \$2 50 Comforter for \$2 00

Gray Cotton Special No. 1 Special line of Gray Cotton in mill ends of 5 to 18 yards—1,396 yards in all. Nice clean cotton, good weight; just the kind for bleaching; worth 6 1/2c and 7c. To clear during sale at, Per Yard, 5c.
Gray Cotton Special No. 2 Special line of Gray Cotton, good width, extra heavy weight, clean and free from specks. This is also a mill end lot, and is worth 8c and 8 1/2c per yard. To clear during sale at, Per Yard, 6 1-2c.

1-2 Off EVERY LADIES' MANTLE GOING AT EXACT- 1-2 Off LY ONE HALF OFF DURING SALE

Price Reductions in Dress Goods

- 50c French Flannels for 39c
All French Flannels, in stripes and fancy figures, all colors; regular price 50c. To clear, per yard 39c
75c Suitings for 50c
Tweed and Cheviot Suitings, plain and tweed effects; regular 75c and \$1 goods. To clear, per yard 50c
30c Cheviot for 19c
Special lot Tweed and Cheviot Suitings, plain and tweed effects; regular 25c and 30c. To clear, per yard 19c
\$1 25 Suitings for 75c
Special lot of Suitings on first table, plain and tweed effects; regular \$1 and \$1 25. To clear, per yard 75c

Underwear for Boys Girls' School Boots Boys' School Suits

- 150 garments all-wool Scotch finish Shirts and Drawers, for boys from 3 to 18 years; regular 25c to 50c, for 19c to 37 1/2c
Misses' Glove Goat Button and Lace Boots, special heavy soles, round toe; splendid boots for school wear or skating; sizes 11 to 2; our special price \$1 25 and \$1 35. Extra cheap at 99c.
Three-Piece Suits, fine all-wool tweed, lined with strong Italian; sizes 28 to 32, double-breasted; regular \$5, for \$3 50.

lish society than the lamented Queen ever understood about it, and if his memory give him useful service and he has strength of mind for readjusting social balances his court may not lose dignity as it becomes more brilliant.

PERIOD OF ISOLATION PASSED.

A comprehensive view of the international situation reveals only improved prospects for continued peace and harmony. From the British standpoint, Queen Victoria's death appears to have strengthened rather than weakened Great Britain's position among the nations. A sufficient time has elapsed since Victoria ceased to reign for the foreign office to feel the political pulse of the capitals of Europe and the brief examination resulted in a feeling of satisfaction and security on his majesty's visit. Closer relations, undoubtedly, now exist between Great Britain and Germany. Lord Salisbury and Lord Lansdowne are quite prepared to hear Count Von Buelow (the imperial chancellor) belittle the effect of Emperor William's visit, but in Downing street this will be taken as meant purely for home consumption and as merely more evidence of the skillful hand of the emperor.

BRITISH ALLIANCE WITH PORTUGAL.

The alliance between Great Britain and Portugal scarcely needed the visit of King Charles to render it stronger. Yet the continued stay here of that ruler is believed to be likely to bring into closer touch, and thus rendering easier the work of their respective governments. Thus, Portugal, Germany and Great Britain are believed to be more closely united than ever in their history—united by a compact that, in the opinion of leading British statesmen, is stronger even than the drebbled, which is yearly becoming more of a tradition than a working agreement.

A POTENT FACTOR.

Neither in China nor in other parts of the world do Russia and France, in the foreign office views, give any indication of counteraction against the activity of British diplomacy. Lord Salisbury is said to rely on Emperor William to keep in touch and harmony with the czar. So long as this is feasible, France is not expected to take any serious initiative. Moreover, French Anglophobia seems to have abated since the Queen's death, Austria and Italy are put down as sure to do nothing contrary to Emperor William's wish. It is easily seen Emperor William is now the dominating figure in European affairs. To this Great Britain has no objection. She has made it possible and trusts to benefit by it. Relationship between the reigning families of Europe is not held to be of much account in the chancelleries; but so far as it goes, it is believed that the Emperor's personal tendency will improve its degree of potency.

CHINESE AFFAIRS.

Reports from China show that the German missions in the Province of Shan-Tung are again in operation, the local mandarins assuming the responsibility of protecting them. The Emperor of Japan will send a military attaché to China after July 1, 1901.

THE CANAL DISPUTE.

It now seems to be the belief that a resolution of the Niagara Canal dis-

pute can be arrived at without the slightest friction. With the exception of China, this was the only serious cloud on Great Britain's diplomatic horizon previous to the Queen's death. Now it is hoped it will disappear. The announcement that Great Britain is about to make counter proposals to the United States amendments to the Hay-Pauncefote treaty which are likely to necessitate extended negotiations, not a word of which is known in England, may be safely described as a pound of Salisbury and an ounce of Lansdowne. Lord Lansdowne is said to have taken up a rather aggressive standpoint, insisting on the observance of the ethics of treaties, but the same spirit of compromise, which it is hoped, will be shown by the United States, prevailed within the British cabinet, Lord Salisbury, as usual, gaining his point. Whether the cabinet is unduly optimistic in thinking the United States will consider or agree to counter proposals, time alone will show.

DAM ACROSS THE NILE.

Simultaneous with the accession of King Edward VII. (whom incidentally golfers refer to as the first sovereign who has played golf since James II.) the waters of the Nile have been turned back. Sir John Aird called this week: "The last channel has been closed at Assuan. You can now walk across the Nile." This will solve the problem to provide corn in Egypt.

BRITISH OFFICERS SHOCKED.

King Edward's bestowal of the Victoria Order on enlisted men of the navy for services in connection with the funeral of the Queen, has caused somewhat of a shock to officers of both arms and corresponding enthusiasm among the rank and file. It is quite without precedent, and has done more to popularize King Edward with his sailors than could any other act. Some of the army officers are bitterly complaining of an innovation since Lord Roberts took command of the forces, by which they are obliged to wear uniforms whenever they go to the war office. Whatever his purpose,

ASTHMA CURED

AFTER TEN YEARS' SUFFERING Physicians Could Not Promise More Than Temporary Relief. Clarke's Kola Compound Cured

Mr. S. Till, 142 Dorchester street, St. John, N. B., writes: "I have been a great sufferer from asthma for nearly ten years. Many months, night after night, I have been to that sleep was impossible, and at times I thought I would choke. I used different asthma remedies, and doctored with the best doctors in St. John, but my trouble became worse each year. About a year ago I purchased three bottles of Clarke's Kola Compound; then I took three more, and since completing the treatment with this remedy have not had a single attack. I take great pleasure in recommending Dr. Clarke's Kola Compound, which I know has no equal for asthma. Since being cured I have frequently recommended this remedy to others in our city, and they all speak very highly of it." Clarke's Kola Compound is the only permanent cure for asthma yet discovered. Over a thousand complete cures are recorded in Canada alone. All druggists sell it. Write for book telling all about Clarke's Kola Compound to the Griffith & Macpherson Company, Limited, 121 Church street, Toronto.

Lord Roberts, in this way, and many others, is trying to do away with the prejudice of the majority of officers against appearing in public in uniform. Soon officers' uniforms are likely to be as common in London streets as private's uniforms are now.

LONGED FOR REST.

The Westminster Gazette prints an interesting story which it believes to be absolutely correct, to the effect that before the recent retirement of Mr. George J. Goschen from the office of first lord of the admiralty he sent a letter to the Queen, saying in substance that he desired to relinquish office, as he was weary of public life. In replying, Queen Victoria thanked Mr. Goschen for his long and devoted services, and was losing with the words: "Your old Queen is weary, too, and longing for her rest."

PENN'S AUTOGRAPHS.

A collection of autograph letters and documents of Wm. Penn, including his will, written by himself in 1705, were sold at auction Saturday for 355 guineas.

Pain in the Back

Makes life miserable for many. Can it be cured? Yes, in a night. Nervine gives a complete knockout to pain in the back because it is stronger, more penetrating, more highly pain-subduing than any other remedy extant. One drop of Nervine has more power over pain than five drops of any other remedy, and it is true strength you want when you've got a pain. Your money back if it is not so. Druggists sell Nervine.

The baton now carried by German field marshals while performing duties of distinction resembles a riding whip.

RUBY LIPS and a clear complexion, the pride of woman. Have you lost these charms through torpid liver, constipation, biliousness, or nervousness? Dr. Agnew's Liver Pills will restore them to you—40 little "Rubies" in a vial, 10 cents. Act like a charm. Never gripe. For sale by C. McCallum & Co., 29.

The first Rhine steamer made its first trip from Rotterdam to Cologne in 1816.

THERE IS DANGER IN neglecting a cold. Many who have died from consumption dated their troubles from exposure, followed by a cold which settled on their lungs, and in a short time they were beyond the skill of the best physician. Had they used Bickel's Anti-Consumptive Syrup before it was too late, their lives would have been spared. This medicine has no equal for curing coughs, colds and all affections of the throat; for some years ago one of the coming states in the petroleum industry.

SORR FEET!—Mrs. E. J. Neill, New Armagh, P. Q., writes: "For nearly six months I was troubled with burning aches and pains in my feet to such an extent that I could not sleep at night, and as my feet were badly swollen I could not wear my boots for weeks. At last I got a bottle of Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil, and resolved to try it, and to my astonishment I got almost instant relief, and the one bottle accomplished a perfect cure."

In 1800 Sweden had a population of 2,350,000, and at the present time, in spite of the large emigration which has given 1,000,000 people to the United States, the population is 5,150,000.

Signature of Dr. H. L. Brown. This signature is on every box of the genuine Laxative Bromo-Quinine Tablets the remedy that cures a cold in one day.