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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.

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.

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.

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.

General conclusions fairly based upon these official reports are, first, the power of the fighting line of the British army is as great as ever, and, second, that the business management of the various supply services is as faulty as in the time of the war in Crimea. Lack of mobility has been the chief hindrance to the progress of the British army in South Africa, and the business services are held accountable for it in their neglect to supply horses and food systematically and in good time.

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 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, 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."

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 crop 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.

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.

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.

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.

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 the people of Portugal and Great Britain in closer touch, thus rendering easier the work of their respective governments.

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.

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 CANAL DISPUTE. It now seems to be the belief that a resolution of the Niagara Canal dispute can be arrived at without the slightest friction.

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

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.

Girls' School Boots

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.

Boys' School Suits

Three-Piece Suits, fine all-wool tweed, lined with strong Italian, sizes 28 to 32, double-breasted; regular \$5, for \$3 50.

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.

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.

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.

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."

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.

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.

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.

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?

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.

TEXAS HAS BEEN regarded for some years as 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."



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.

Signature of Dr. Williams and text: This signature is on every box of the genuine Laxative Bromo-Quinine Tablets the remedy that cures a cold in one day.