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SUCCEEDED BY HIS NEPHEW, MR. BALFOUR

The Aged Premier Lays Down the Burdens of State and Declines Special Decoration.

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Beach, amid applause, signified his assent by crying heartily, "hear, hear."

Robert Arthur Talbot Gascoigne Cecil, Marquis of Salisbury, was born at Lefford, Herts, in 1826, the seat of the house of Cecil, and is therefore seventy-seven years of age.

After a warm tribute to Lord Salisbury by the Duke of Devonshire, Sir Michael Hicks-Beach rose, and said there was no one whom he would more gladly and more readily have accepted as leader of the party than the man he had followed as leader for more than seven years.

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MAKE LADYSMITH HER HOME PORT

CONTEMPLATED CHANGE FOR STEAMER JOAN

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Nainimo, July 14.—(Special.)—It is reported that the E. & N. contemplated making Ladysmith the home port for the steamer Joan.

Two men off the schooner Fawn, of this port, arrested by Nainimo officers. The men were charged with stealing a canoe and provisions from Barkley Sound.

Provincial Constable Cox, of Alberni, is reported to have been riding on a short ride from Fitzgerald's livery, Alberni, on Monday last.

While Cox and Fitzgerald followed them, Provincial Constables Melndoo, Nainimo, and Stephenson, of Wellington, started out to meet them, arresting them near Nanosoo very early this morning.

Dr. O. H. Beckman, who is the principal business manager of the Kalevan Colonization Co., is endeavoring to get a small tug for the use of the colony at Malcolin Island.

London, July 12.—The correspondent of the Tribune in London cables as follows: There are two subsidy schemes which are favored by the official representatives of Australia, New Zealand and Canada.

One is the fast mail service between England and Australia via Nova Scotia, the Canadian Pacific, Vancouver, Fiji and Brisbane, with Sydney as the terminal port.

The other is a fast freight service between Montreal, Capetown, Auckland and Sydney. There has been a good deal of informal discussion upon the subject.

London, July 11.—The text of the official announcement concerning the coronation of King Edward was issued from the Earl Marshal's office, and is as follows:

"The King's medical advisers state that His Majesty's progress has been more speedy and less complicated than was at first anticipated. His Majesty's excellent constitution has played a conspicuous part in bringing this about."

London, July 12.—The agitation on the subject of the Practitioner of the 23rd Sandhurst cadets, who were suspected by their superior officers of being concerned in the recent incendiary fire at the military college, daily gathers more influential supporters.

Next week the question is likely to be the subject of a debate in the House of Commons, in which many Conservatives are likely to express disagreement with the retention of the King on the leading government papers like the Times are already adopting.

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