

fences of Mr. Edmunds were treated rather thought for the sake of public morality, that the pension should be disallowed, " It is curious to see," says the Spectator, "how station and the mere incidents of an affair of this kind destroy the estimate of its criminality. We heard of a man getting eight years, the other day, for stealing-not embezzling-a few potatoes. But the higher the station, and education, the less apparently the guilt." The press was very severe on the Lord Chancellor, and insisted on his resignation, on the ground that while knowing Edmund's delinquencies, he took no steps to oppose the pension. It is difficult, however, it would appear to shame the bigher order of humanity, and the Chancellor not only did not resign but his extraordinary conduct was condoned in an off-hand manner by the Government.

sive ceremony to the Roman Catholic members of the House of Commons, is at length to be superseded by one more in accordance with the liberal spirit of the age. The bill which inaugurates the change, passed its second reading by a majority of 56, out of a House of 246 members, and reduces the form

gain into the full measure of the responsibilities and duties of public life. It is said that Her Majesty was much annoyed at the manner in which her seclusion was treated by the press, and that she considered she had as much right to seclude herself as any of her subjects. We do not for a moment believe that the Queen ever made such a statement, although we find it circulated pretty freely, because Her Majesty's position is altogether different from that of any of her subjects, and calls for self-sacrifices that are unknown in private life. However, the remarks have

held at Buckingham Palace on May 18th the Right Hon. Edward Cardwell presented the Hon. J. A. Macdonald, the Hon. G. E. Cartier, the Hon. G. Brown, and the Hon. Alex. Galt, who had the honor of kissing her Majesty's hand.