

Ceremony in London in 1849 Recalled—A Great Public Demonstration—Colonel Talbot Turns the First Sod—Speeches by Eminent Men—Interesting Records.

The logs gathered from the clearance were piled around. These forest galleries were crowded with people, and the ladies' stand was thronged with the most fashionable of the metropolises of the far west. The riflemen kept the ground clear in the centre, and as the procession arrived the several bodies took up their stations around and in front of the large stage. The place were a spacious amphitheatre. The number present was from four to five thousand persons. The whole scene was a splendid spectacle. The work of the day drew the masses people together, the thought that this was the first attack on the Canadian forest by the steam engine, the blessings enjoyed by this country, were all summoned to the aid of the happy people. A prosperous people around, many of whom had recently come to Canada. The proceedings were opened by the Hon. George J. Goodhue, who made an excellent address. He drew a contrast picture of the country of the country was a few years ago and now. They were going to have a steam

Wilkes, Brougham, Marat and Potemkin Are Examples — Loved by Women in Spite of Their Repulsiveness.

Brougham, the great lord chancellor for was a man of almost repellent ugliness without a solitary compensating grace of speech or manner. Conscious of his unattractiveness he shunned ladies' society as he might have shunned the plague. And what was the result? The ladies the most lovely and aristocratic in the country simply mobbed the "ugly lawyer," and he was so proud to win a smile from him as a "offer of a coronet from any other man."

When any one asked, "Where is Brougham?" the invariable answer was, "Where the ladies are thickest."

In the evening a public dinner given by the citizens of London honorably closed the week's work at Westminster Hall, and at 6 o'clock about 120 gentlemen sat down at spacious dining-rooms of the hotel extended by throwing into it the front room. There were two round tables, and a cross table for the chairs; and the room was elegantly furnished. The tables were beautifully ornamented and brilliantly lighted with candles and sperm-oil lamps, gas and coal oil not being made use of. In those days the floor occupied the chair, supported on right by Col. Talbot, Col. Horne, Tenth Regiment; H. C. R. Beecher, Airey and E. W. Harris, On the left, Mr. May, Mr. F. A. Johnson, Lawrence, John H. G. S. Thayer, Col. Askin, E. Matthews. At the end of the side tables were observed Sheriff Hamilton, Dr. Anderson, Messrs. Mr. Fryer Carroll, James Gilkinson, Mr. J. M. Stuart, of Hamilton. There were twenty in the room a great many go-

"were drawn up to his ears, his arms were twisted backward, and almost every member was out of joint."

In spite of these terrible physical drawbacks Hamilton easily outstripped all the gallants in his district in the favor of the ladies. "He might have married any of them for the asking," indeed it is said several of them actually did so. "He was," says a chronicler, "But he remained proof against their wiles until after his 80th birthday, and then he married a girl of 21 himself being carried to the altar on his men's shoulders."

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mood of the speaker—the man who was
singing his swan-song in a chamber
where he had risen from poverty, to
riches and to something like compeer-
to the dazzling splendor of
premiership of Great Britain. The
next day the whole world learned
that the first thing that the mighty
had money had passed away—
hereforth to be known as the Earl
Beaconsfield and as member of another
chamber.

Gladstone's Best Moments.

The second farewell I also saw in
the press gallery. Again I was one
of those who were not invited to see
giving a farewell. But somehow or other
I guessed it once more. I saw Geo-
rge-Hardy standing at the entrance
of the House, near what is called the
Speaker's door, looking out over a
floor of oilcloth some feet from the entrance
door. Gathorne-Hardy stood there
some minutes gazing at the House

for me ever to forget that hour, that still more impossible to forget than the twining morning. I kept on saying to myself that I could only just conjure dimly the night before, namely, that I had heard Gladstone for the last time in the House of Commons. To men in the House of Commons did even bring more import and persistence. For fifty years at that I had written notes on the proceedings of another, a chronicle of the House, and such chronicles it was inevitable that Gladstone should figure largely. On the Irish benches opposite to

Steamer Arrives in England

From South Africa With Over Half a Million Dollars Worth.

The Union Castle mail steamer Kildonan Castle, homeward bound from the Cape, steamed up Southampton water the other morning within half an hour of her scheduled time. It had been stated that the Kildonan Castle was bringing home a record consignment of ostrich feathers, valued at £104,700, but the Union-Castle official made light of it. They could not sell to a feather how much of the production of ostrich farms of South Africa had been compressed into the well-made lined cases which filled the special spaces reserved for this kind of valuable cargo.

It was a fairly large consignment, said one official, "but then we are always bringing over considerable quantities of ostrich feathers."

low-countrymen. He (Mr. Primrose) thought the House had heard with satisfaction the prime minister's speech that day, which he expressly stated was not a declaration of war, and that no resolution was not a final policy, and one could not believe that a Government, which besides the secretary for war contained Sir Edward Grey, and who had never repudiated his views, would intend to have only a single chamber debate on such a subject as the death of Mr. Grey spoke only of death and damnation to the Liberal party. It might be necessary for a leader to lead his party to do it; but it might be necessary for the sake

ply and demand. It is not one big consignment, but a number of consignments, and the feathers are not going one way. They are consigned to various parts of the country, and a considerable proportion is for transshipment to the continent."

The arrival of such a large consignment is not regarded in the London feather market as likely to affect current prices. "Cargoes of feathers with a 'manifest' value of £50,000 are by no means infrequent occurrences," says a leading London broker explained on Saturday. There is at present a tremendous demand for ostrich feathers, London being the world's mart for this article.

Prices, owing to the great demand, are firm, and as much as £40 per pound (avoirdupois) is paid for the long wing feathers. Some of these in their natural state measure two feet in length, are frequently 10 and 12 inches wide. The prices range from this figure down to 1s per pound.

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Which Aims to Limit Peers' Veto to Delaying Measures Two Years—Premier Says This Power Is Sufficient for Purposes of a Second Chamber—Balfour Says It Means Single-Chamber Government.

I do not think I exaggerate when I describe it as nearly a chronic evil which brought the majority of the House, and as we believe, the majority of the country, to the conclusion that the solution or at any rate the provision of some effectual remedy for this problem is the first question of our domestic politics.

What is the object under the Scheme?

What is the object which we wish to put forward this resolution have in view? It is to secure that which we believe, theoretically, and ostensibly, the politicians are heartily agreed upon, that the opinion in the country recognize to be the primary purpose of democratic government—that is that that will, in the opinion, of the majority of the people for the time being, be the best means of legislation prevail. (Ministerial cheers.) We believe that the machinery here suggested, though I don't hold it out as affording a final or adequate solution of the problem, is at least a very effective palliative of the evils under which we have recently suffered, and tends

between the Chamber of Deputies and the Senate, the Chamber of Deputies would be asserting the right at any rate, to resist any amendments originating from the Senate which had not originated with them—and the Senate defended their constitutional power to make such amendments, though they ultimately yielded to the view that it was better to follow the course of the Yeabats' amendment. The Senate said "Yeabats are treating us as though we were the House of Lords." Mr. Rowley, the eminent statesman who has been Prime Minister of Canada since 1906, said that he was Minister of Finance in 1872 and who was Minister of Privy Council in 1873. He said: "We, like the House of Commons, have no right to amend the Chamber of Deputies, are elected by universal suffrage," and then referred to the fact that the British Government had reference to the evils from which we suffer as actually suffering and to the second chamber which actually exists. I said, I think, when I was introduced to you last night, that I thought there was considerable democratic authority in favour and precedent for another mode of getting rid of deadlocks between the

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His Maiden Address in House of Commons—Wants the Peers' Veto Power Limited—Opposed to His Father's Views.

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Successful Launching of the Colossus on the Clyde—Much Bigger Than the First Dreadnought.

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Admiral Bearcroft, who replied, congratulated the firm on being intrusted with the building of the largest battleship ever built. That the ship had been launched in less than nine months from the commencement of the construction was, he said, a proof of the enterprise of the firm. He felt that the Colossus would prove a credit to her builders, and would uphold traditions of the service.

The chairman presented to Mr. Colebrooke a silver casket containing the tools she had used in connection with the ceremony.