

Events of the Month.

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Archibald
Lampman.

Canadians will mourn with sincere regret the death of Archibald Lampman, the poet. Brilliant writers are not so numerous in Canada, that one of the first rank can be lost, without making a very noticeable void in literary circles. Mr. Lampman will be sadly missed, because he was not only a brilliant writer but also one of the sweetest word-builders of his time, perhaps the foremost in the Dominion. He was essentially and thoroughly a poet. All his works breathe those charms of fine imagination, tender sympathies and lucid narration, which are ever the criterion of verse makers. However, it is not our duty here to enter upon a criticism of Mr. Lampman's work—we leave that to the essayist and biographer. Rather, are we called upon to say a few words concerning the man. These cannot be other than words of praise. Mr. Lampman was a man of a most admirable disposition. He was altogether a product of Canadian institutions, and as such, his fellow-countrymen whom he has left behind, and after generations too, will take pride in remembering him and his works.

The Queen's
Speech

The Queen's "speech" at the opening of the Imperial Parliament is remarkable chiefly for what it left unsaid. In fact, for all that it contained, it amounted to nothing more than the mere carrying out of a formality. The failure of Her Majesty to mention the chief topic that is agitating the British mind at the present time, namely, the discord in the Established Church, is ominous of one of two things—either that she regards the dissension as insignificant, or that it is of such a strained nature that it cannot bear recommendation to Parliament. Very few, we think, will concur in the first premise: that it is insignificant. When a movement, or rather several movements, are directed simultaneously at anything so as to threaten its existence, it cannot, with any reasonableness, be argued that such movements are unimportant. And if recent events in the Anglican Church have not brought that organization to this pass, then our powers of observation are *nil*. But we think the latter of the two reasons assigned above will be generally accepted as the more