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A CONSTITUTIONAL KING.

All loyal subjects of King George the Fifth of England, in all parts of the vast Empire over which he rules, are glad that with the courage of conscious innocence he has dragged into the fullest light a pestiferous slander and that the light has shewn its falsity.

We may not be interested in the Divine right of Kings, but we are all interested in this, that a worthy descendant of the greatest and best and purest of all sovereigns of all time now sits on the throne of Victoria the Good.

The King has by his action in this matter not only put an end to a vile slander, but he has also vindicated his right to be called a constitutional ruler, in that he stepped down from his throne and placed his kingly reputation as well as his personal honour in the hands of a jury of his people to be adjudicated upon by them in one of the ordinary courts of the land. The result has been what we all expected; and the slimy slander has shrivelled and disappeared in the fire of judicial investigation.

As to the contemptible reptile brood that hatched it, one of them is now spending a term, all too short, in prison, whilst his fellow conspirator, who, living outside its jurisdiction, could not be reached by an English court, has been disowned by his parents and stands disgraced in a country which despises him.

DOMINION LEGISLATION.

The third session of the eleventh Parliament of Canada commenced on November 17th, and will probably continue for another three months. Although none of the bills introduced have yet become law it will be interesting to refer, in more or less detail, to the more important of those which have been brought before Parliament to date.

As it is frequently the case, the majority of members who