



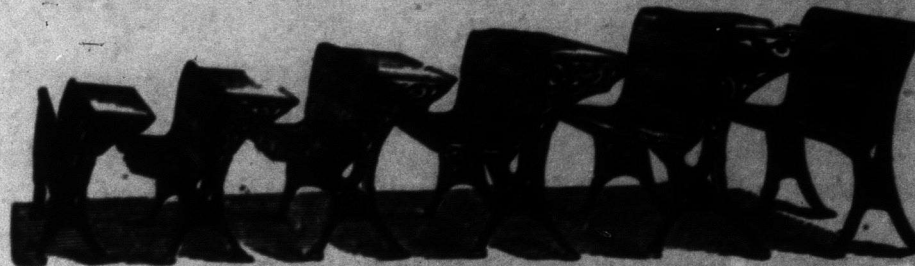
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The first two ships of the Canadian navy are now on duty, the Niobe at Halifax, and the Rainbow on the Pacific coast. The larger of the two, H. M. C. S. Niobe, (the initials meaning His Majesty's Canadian Ship) is a first class cruiser of eleven thousand tons, carrying ten guns and steaming twenty knots an hour.

The date for the coronation of King George has been officially fixed for the twenty-second of June next. It is expected that King George and Queen

Mary will visit India six months later, and be crowned Emperor and Empress of India there on the first of January, 1912.

The first parliament of United South Africa was opened last month by the Duke of Connaught, who was sent as a special envoy to represent the King. His Royal Highness is now making a tour of the South African provinces, and is everywhere received with enthusiasm. The new parliament consists of two chambers, called the senate and the house of assembly. In the upper house, each of the four provinces is represented by eight senators; in the lower, Cape Colony has fifty-one representatives; the Transvaal, thirty-six; and Natal and the Orange River Colony, each seventeen. The old provincial legislatures have ceased to exist. Local affairs will be under the control of a council for each province, its doings subject to review by the central parliament. In other respects, the form of government adopted is much like that of the Dominion of Canada. Though Pretoria is the administrative capital of the Union, the parliament meets at Cape Town.

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