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Personal.

Sir William Van Horne has gone to the Bahamas for his health.

Mr. Herbert Spencer will issue the third and concluding volume of his work on Sociology in May.

The Queen has issued a message thanking the nation for its expression of sympathy at the time of Prince Henry's death.

At an enthusiastic Liberal convention at St. Catharines, Saturday, Mr. W. Gibson, M.P., was renominated as the Liberal standard-bearer for Lincoln.

The historical costume ball given by Lord and Lady Aberdeen in the Senate chamber at Ottawa on Monday night was a novel, brilliant, and extremely enjoyable function

Princess Beatrice and her children arrived at Nice on Friday last. She will visit the ex-Empress Eugenie at Cape Martin, and will take a short cruise on the Mediterranean.

The new non-sectarian Bible prepared by a Chicago committee for the use of Public schools has been completed, and will be sub-mitted to the Board of Education to pass judgment upon it.

There is some talk of the Conservatives of Winnipeg inviting Sir Donald Smith to be their candidate. Sir Donald was invited before, and tendered the unanimous nomination but dealing. tion, but declined.

Sir John and Lady Schultz are preparing to leave for Mexico in the hope of improving Sir John's health. In the summer he expects to return and contest the Edmonton district for the House of Commons.

If the Prince of Wales cannot preside at the meeting of the British Association in Canada next year, the presidency will be offered to the Duke of York, and, failing him. to either Mr. Balfour or Mr. Chamberlain.

Mr. John Dillon, Member of Parliament for East Mayo, was elected Chairman of the Anti-Parnellite section of the Irish Nationalist party on Tuesday by a vote of 38 to 21, to succeed Mr. Justin McCarthy, who withd aws from the leadership.

A paper was read at the Military Institute on Monday evening upon "The Manufacture of Small Arms Ammunition" by Captain C. E. English, R.A., Professor of Artillery, Administration and Law at the Royal Military College at Kingston.

Sir Saul Samuel, Agent-General in London for New South Wales, and Mr. Duncan Gillies, Agent-General in London for Victoria, have been appointed to represent Australia as mem-bers of the commission to consider the matter of laying a Pacific submarine cable.

At a convention of the Independence of Canada party, held at Windsor, Ont., on Saturday, Mayor Mason, of that city, was chosen as the candidate of the party in North Essex for the Dominion Parliament, and Mr. Anto ne Lafferty for the Ontario Legislature.

Rev. Prof. Clark, of Trinity College, delivered an address before the Union for Practical Progress, in Forum Hall, on Sunday afternoon. His subject was, "Theories of Education," which he treated in a very able manner, ending up by touching on the question of Separate Schools for Manitoba.

The annual meeting of the Society of Authors was held on Tuesday evening. Mr. H Rider Haggard, who presided, declared that the society was much indebted to Mr. Hall Caine for his labors in Canada in connection with the copyright question. Mr Wilkins withdrew his resolution condemning the address recently prepared in the name of the authors of Great Britain, asking the literary men of the United States to use their best endeavours to prevent a war between the two countries. The resolution was withdrawn on Mr Haggard's assurance that the committee of the society repudiated it Sir Martin Conway accepted the responsibility for the address



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