

## CURRENT EVENTS.

**PARLIAMENT OPENED.** The Canadian Parliament opened on the afternoon of February 26, in its new though incomplete home on the Hill. It is said that this opening was "accompanied by the most brilliant and most gorgeous display that perhaps has ever attended the inauguration of a Parliament in Canada. The ceremonial and pomp, which tradition associates with such events, were carried out as in the days prior to the war." The splendor was perhaps more noticeable because of its almost total suspension during the war. The magnificence of the new building lent a suitable background for the great spectacle.

**THE COUNCIL OF THE LEAGUE.** The Council of the League of Nations held its opening session on February 11, in St. James' Palace, London. The President of the Council is Leon Bourgeois, an ex-Prime Minister of France, and one of the Judges of the Hague Court. Its Secretary-General, or permanent Executive Officer, is Sir Eric Drummond, an Englishman. The present work of the Council is not that merely of conference, but it is actually assembling and collating information on such international questions as labor and health.

**THE PAISLEY ELECTIONS.**

For some time considerable attention has been turned to the progress of the Paisley election. As result of this election Mr Herbert H. Asquith, former British Premier, was re-elected to Parliament. He has remained during his two years' absence the titular head of his party and will immediately return to his position as leader of the Liberal Party in the House of Commons, a position filled provisionally by Sir D. MacLean.

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