

VALERIE;

(Continued from fourth page.) said a footman, appearing, and a few minutes later Valerie was being mobbed at a crowded "at home," and only feeling that existence was for her a useless one, since "love was done," and the man she worshipped must really despise her!

"What an iron-pate, she said, when she saw the sun-shine half a mile, for ever and ever, and she was behind a mitre."

CHAPTER XXIII.—AT THE MAGAZINE. Most interesting might he multiplied himself a dozen times if he had accepted



It was a splendid turn-out, everyone said, all the officers received of box-seats for the turn-out of the four-in-hand club, or he could have toiled his brother's coach, but he declined all attentions; he had business at the War Office, he said, and so he had; only he might easily have put it off.

"Shameful!" cried a chorus of fair ones, each one of whom had made up her mind that Colonel Beauregard was going to drive his brother's famous boys, with her on the seat beside him.

It was a splendid turn-out, everyone said, and so it was. The day was fine, the Park crowded, and the coaches came forth in force. Numbers came to see the beauty, Valerie Herbert, and they were not disappointed, for there she was in gray satin, Charles II. hat with sweeping plumes, the loveliest woman whose lovely faces might be seen at every turn.

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Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly: I have much pleasure in welcoming you to your annual duties as representatives of the people, for the first time recognized and named as Lieutenant-Governor. I should like to believe that my long experience in Canadian public life may give me some special advantages for conducting my new position, useful services to the province which has long been my home, and in whose progress and prosperity I take the deepest interest.

THE PROVINCE'S CLAIM TO CROWN LANDS. Since your last session the Supreme Court of Canada has affirmed the judgments of the High Court and Court of Appeal in favor of the provincial claim to crown lands to which the so-called Indian title had not been extinguished until the first of January, 1867.

As respects the unsettled matters between Ontario and Quebec, in which the Dominion has no interest, including the claim of this Province on behalf of the municipalities to the Land Improvement Fund in respect of collections from Crown Lands before Confederation, an agreement has been arrived at between the two Provincial Governments for settling those matters by a friendly arbitration, in case the present arbitration should not be successful.

OUR ADVANCED TIMBER LANDS. The value of our timber lands having greatly increased of late years, it was recently thought that the time had come for making such advances in ground rents and timber dues as should bring to the provincial treasury a substantial increase without being unfair or oppressive to persons engaged in the lumber trade. Certain increases were accordingly made, and that they were not unreasonable or oppressive has been shown by the large prices obtained for timber at the market which was afterwards held.

CONSIDERING THE REVISED STATUTES. I was glad to have it in my power to issue the necessary proclamation for bringing into force at the close of the year the revised Statutes of the Province, embodying once more in two convenient volumes its whole public statute law. The report of the commissioners (which will be laid before you) recommends the passing of a Consolidation Act, or was done in the case of the revision in 1877, and I commend their suggestion to your attention.

In connection with the revision of our public statutes, all statutory provisions affecting practice or procedure, and all the rules and orders issued by the various courts during the last thirty years, have been consolidated and revised under the superintendence and direction of the Judges of the Ontario Superior Courts, with the view of completing the fusion of the courts contemplated by the Judiciary Act, and of promoting uniformity, certainty and simplicity in their proceedings. The consolidated codes

IN HIS HONOR'S QUIET WAY

THE ASSEMBLY OPENED WITHOUT CANNON OR TRUMP.

Mr. Alexander Campbell Gave Orders to the Honourable Members of the House and Meets the People—Hundreds of Ladies Leave the Proceedings.

Toronto, Jan. 26. There was a great crowd of people down at the Parliament Buildings yesterday afternoon to see the new Lieutenant-Governor, Mr. Alexander Campbell, perform his first official act in public by opening the second session of the sixth Legislature. A heavy mist storm prevailed during the afternoon, but this did not deter any who had received invitations for the "hour of the House" from occupying them. There must have been nearly 600 ladies present.

The only martial display visible to the naked eye was a strong guard of honor from the Infantry School under command of Major Vidal. They were drawn up in front of the Speaker's entrance to the building and saluted His Honor as he passed within. There was no firing of cannon, little or no music, and no mounted and saluted escort from Government House. The gay cavaliers who have taken part in former opening ceremonies might just as well have turned their swords into plowshares, for all the need of their yesterday.

The band of the Infantry School has gone to pieces, and Col. Oter and the other officers allowed the band of the Royal Grenadiers to play the pipe for the boys from the New Park, but there was very little in the way of music.

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