

## IN BRITISH POLITICS

The Rise of New Men is a Striking Feature of Late

The most striking feature of personal politics of late has been the rise of the new men, such as Colonel Seely, Sir Rufus Isaacs, Sir John Simon, Mr. Runciman, Mr. Montagu, who had scarcely made their mark before 1905. Sir Rufus Isaacs came into parliament eight years ago with all the weight of the largest practice at the Common Law Bar behind him; but he has gone outside the path of the successful political lawyer and shown a comprehensive grasp of affairs beyond the legal range and a special aptitude for industrial problems. Not less noticeable is the rise of the junior law officer. Sir John Simon entered the House of Commons in 1906 a young stuffy government member marked out for eminence at the Bar. He was a K.C. at thirty-seven, and to-day many people think that he can make his choice between becoming eventually Lord Chancellor, if he sticks to his profession, or Prime Minister if he abandons it. He possesses the most valuable of all qualities in English politics—the capacity for inspiring confidence.

Colonel Seely is another of the new men who is both popular and respected, and there is a general feeling that if anybody can put the military tangle straight this fresh-faced, low-voiced soldier will do it. At least, if he fails it will be from no want of resolute effort and unshrinking devotion to the task. Mr. Montagu and Mr. Masterman have yet to "arrive." Both have done well enough as Under-Secretaries to establish their title to "Cabinet rank." Mr. Runciman has made his claim good already, though he has not quite fulfilled the promise of his parliamentary adolescence.

It is from this group of lawyers and laymen, most of them nearly unknown seven years ago, that the future leaders of Liberalism will be drawn. They are young, able, well-informed, industrious, professional politicians in the main interest in life, but so placed as to be independent of the material rewards of office. A Liberal Cabinet which includes them will have a strong and capable Junta. It will be one in which the Semitic and Celtic elements will be largely represented. "You will have to be a Jew or a Welshman to get into a Liberal cabinet soon," growled a Conservative member in the Lobby. These young Liberal leaders have been both clever and lucky, and if they are quietly sliding into the places of their seniors the change will not be to the disadvantage of their party or the nation. For one thing, they are as a body Liberals of a distinctly moderate tinge, distrustful of revolutionary legislation and hazardous experiments; and Cobdenites and Home Rulers as they are, they seem rather more likely than their predecessors to act with caution at home and spirit abroad.—London Daily Mail.



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the famous detective engaged to run to earth the murderers of Herman Rosenthal, the gambler.

### BIG FAMILIES IN QUEBEC

No Symptoms of Race Suicide Among the French Canadians

Race suicide, so often pointed to as a grave peril for France, is invisibly remote in French Canada. The province of Quebec so abounds in large families that it is capable of supplying the deficiency of its mother-country. Indeed the late distinguished economist, Mr. Leroy Beaulieu, recently said: "Give us 10,000 French-Canadians and we will repeople France." In 1754 the last census under French regime showed 55,000 French in Canada. This number has doubled every twenty-five years, says Eugene Rouillard, so that now they aggregate 3,300,000.

In 1890 the Government of the Province of Quebec passed a law granting a piece of land to every head of a family that could boast of twelve or more children. This grant was later changed to a cash premium. Until 1905 a total of 5,414 families received the premium. Of this number 150 families had 14 to 18 living children; in some cases where one or the other of the parents was married twice the number of living children ranged from 18 to 27. Since the foundation

of Quebec in 1608 there have been entered upon the parish registers, up to 1883, a total of 2,900,000 births, or 67.25 per one thousand population. French-Canadian families of eight and ten children are not uncommon. The average size of a family is five children—an average that will be maintained, one should think, unless alcoholism, which is beginning to plague our race, pervades the rural districts.

### Her First Parasol

Queen Victoria's first parasol was made of blue silk, lined with white silk, with ivory terminals to the ribs.

### FASHIONS IN TOMBSTONES

The Celtic Cross is Quite the Proper Thing in Tombstones

"There are fashions in tombstones, just the same as in hats and clothes," said a monument worker, "and even if they don't change quite as often we have to keep up with them. A few years ago broken columns were all the go, and we had our hands full executing such orders. Then came the St. Andrew's Cross. It's shaped like an X and most of our orders ran to that sort of cross.

"Now the Celtic cross is in vogue, and it is quite the proper thing to have put on your monument. They offer a considerable field for decoration and traceries, but I suppose they will have their run and something new will come in. An experienced tombstone maker can tell approximately when a monument was put up without looking at the date on it, if he has kept up with the fashions."

### A USE FOR OLD PIANOS

Tribesman Who Converted It Into a Bed

A Labrador tribe, it is said, made the barrels stolen from a wrecked whaler serve as chimney-tops; the West Indians utilized Timothy Dexter's warming pans for sugar lads and the Shans find no worse use for English beer bottles than to stick them up as household gods to keep away evil spirits. But the drollest instance of converted usage occurred when that adventurous Frenchman, De Tonnant, while in Patagonia, gave an old chief a worn out grand piano which he had bought for eighty francs.

A few days after making this generous present, De Tonnant went one morning to pay an early visit to the Patagonian. He found him sleeping peacefully with his wife inside the piano, from which he had carefully removed sounding board, strings, etc., and which thus transformed constituted a not uncomfortable bedstead.

### Long Trip for Baby

Shipped all the way from Liverpool, England, to Calgary, Alta., by express cared for on the way by ladies young and old who were coming to Canada to make a home in this country, Rose Steele Richardson, an 18 months old baby, reached Calgary and is safe in the hands of her mother, none the worse for her long journey across the water and the thousands of miles by rail.

### CHARACTER IN THE NOSE

Scientists would have us believe that disposition, inclinations and even character can be read by taking notice of the color and texture of the hair, the shape of the eyes and mouth, and especially the shape of the nose and its size.

It is claimed that hair can be arranged to please the eye of the observer; the eyes can be used in such a manner to charm their beholder, but no man or woman can disguise the nose.

The long nose is the sign of power, even of genius. This is quite a consolation for those so blessed.

The straight nose indicates a just mind, serious, fine, judicial and energetic. The nose like an eagle's beak is the sign of an adventurous spirit, greedy for gain.

The broad nose with spreading nostrils indicates great sensuality. The fleshy, arched nose is indicative of a cruel, domineering nature, and is to be avoided, if possible.

A blunt, slender nose means that its possessor is quickwitted, somewhat ironical, but not deep in knowledge.

The retrousse (pug) nose is the mark of a feeble mind, even coarse in breeding; their owners are usually cheerful and gay, however.

Pale noses show egotistic qualities, envious natures and coldheartedness, but often great intelligence.

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The Germans are leaders in a new industry, which is the means of making wood into yarn, cloth, twine, carpets, and imitation silk and canvas, all of which are proof against the action of both hot and cold water. "Silvatin" yarn is made near Berlin, from spruce wood. In Saxony, "xylolin" yarn is manufactured from paper and wood pulp. Sawdust and the waste wood from fashioning rectangular boards from tree trunks can now be scientifically converted into useful materials.

### SOME HINTS ON IRONING

When ironing lace, ribbons, or any long, narrow strips be careful not to stretch them crooked, but to do them slowly, straight and evenly, the point of the iron pressing out every scallop separately. Always iron lace and needlework on the wrong side.

Collars should be done first lengthways, then crossways. Take care not to stretch one half larger than the other.

All colored things must be done with the iron rather cooler than for white clothes, as too great heat will injure the color. Iron them always on the wrong side, whenever the manner in which they are made will allow it.

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Flour, Silver Leaf, \$2.50 to \$2.70  
Flour, Victoria, \$2.45 to \$2.65  
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