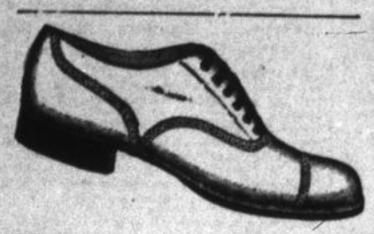


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ELECTRIC LIGHTING. Buffalo is going into electric light ing as a municipal enterprise, and \$100,000 is now being voted for the purchase of the necessary plant. Th city is thoroughly satisfied that can give the public a powerful illum nation at a very low cost. It can, at the same time, burn up and so convert into heat the material that now goes to the garbage crematory. By the way what is being done about the Kingston scheme of public lighting What stage has the case reached? It is months since the arbitrators fixed the value on the gas and electric light plant, and unless the property changes hands speedily their value may be materially affected. The franchise difficulty should not have in terfered with the transfer of the busi ness, which could have been carried on by the city with the contingency action on the franchise when the time for it arrived.

QUESTION OF ALL QUESTIONS. Now that the election is over people are disposed to discuss the north country, or New Ontario, dispassionately, and the Toronto Star rises to suggest that Toronto, as the city brought into intimate contact with it through the North Bay connection with the Temiskaming railway, should do the advertising.

Mr. Taylor, of Gananoque, will be surprised, and perhaps delighted, learn, that deprived of its timber that immense expanse of country is not good for only frogs and mosquitoes. It possesses sixteen million acres fine agricultural land, and the Star says it should, in a trade sense, be made tributary to Toronto. That the local view, and sometimes it af fects the sight and manner of the people. The Ottawa electors wanted the eastern terminus of the Temiskaming railway at Mattawa, so that the North country might be made tributary, in a trade sense, to the capital and because the case did not go this way Mr. Lumsden was punished by de-

The caprices of some men and parties lie beyond our understanding. Mr. Whitney, in the legislature, would not support the government railway because he did not know as much about it as he desired, and because the province had not been promised a substantial bonus by the government. But on the stump he became an enthusiastic supporter of the scheme, and said that had he been in power ruined. he would have had a beginning made upon the railway while the legislature was' in session

"The man's a humbug," you say So he is; and yet he reflects the life and light of many others, electors and elect. "What is there in it for me?" is the question of the average man, and he acts according to his personal likes, dislikes, and predilections.

POLITENESS IN FRANCE.

In justification of M. Waldeck. Rous seau's proceeding,-his resignation so soon after France had given him the most flattering endorsement-it is explained that he wants to get rid some of his colleagues in the ministry and it is not usual, and not polite, to dismiss them

A man becomes unpopular, or h shows that he is unfitted for the de partmental service to which he is as signed. He ought to realize that he is a failure, but he does not. In fact the more incompetent he is the blinder he appears to be and the more oblivious of the fact. What is to is

In Canada, according to the experience of the Bowell government, it is in order for one's associates to get together and conspire against him The first thing he knows they de mand his political head as the price of their satisfaction. In France the premier, though the most successive leader of public opinion the country has ever had, though but given fresh evidences of the people's entire con fidence in him, tenders his office to President Loubet. With his retirement the government is wiped out for the tion with it become vacant. The reorganization may not take place at

M. Waldeck Rousseau really cannot lay down his trust one day and sume it the next. For the time ing he is out of the public eye, and he stays out long enough to let some one else cast aside the useless mater ial with which he was encumbered. Sooner or later, however, he comes to the front again, with new men, new purposes, new plans, and France has preserved her traditions and giver fresh proofs of her infallible courtesy

AN END OF MISRULE. A curious wail is heard in America

over "the death of two republics." It s not of much advantage to business now, and, in connection with the end of the South African war, the merits of monarchical and republican rule The war would not have been had the governments of the Transvaal and the Orange Free State exhibited the wisdom that should have followed their experience.

The one, the Transvaal, disrespected the power to which it owed sovereignty, and throttled liberty in refusing the settlers who were not Dutch franchise and the education they sired. The other, the Orange Free State, in assumed sympathy, backed the rebellion, but its leaders had mind and prospective the expansion of its territory by the misappropri ation of that which had been British and is British still. In long anticipation of evil work these republics made preparation, and when the time was ripe for action President Kruger is-

An American print intimates that success would have been with the publics had the United States done something at the inception of struggle. The only thing it could do was offer to mediate, and the late Mr. McKinley was willing to act when the British unless it entered upon a direct interference in trade for which there was no justification. It could not participate in the war, except as a party to it, and by that action have invited the attention of the Eu ropean powers, perhaps in an unex pected and surprising way. But it did the next most offensive thing. It permitted men to go out to the veldt as hospital attendants, when, as a matter of fact, they were volunteers for service in Kruger's behalf, and they had an experience they will not for-

The cost of the war has been great, but the results are beyond computation. Republicanism has died in South Africa because it has been a failure. It did not represent the progressive spirit which is claimed for it. It did not represent the enlightened government which is supposed to stand on a genuine democracy. On the contrary there was a lack of enterprise, of intelligence, of legislation for the whole people, and a corruption and misrule that had to reach a crisis some time. Instead of all this there will now be government according to British ideas, and, with all due res pect to our American friends, it is the best in the world.

EDITORIAL NOTES. There is an ice famine in Montreal, and it promises an unpleasant experience as the warm weather advances.

"What ruined Ross?" asks a tory contemporary. What's the matter No one down here heard that he was

Mr. Whitney is finding some satis faction in looking over the election No one denies him this con-James Johnson, formerly of King-

ston, in the Canadian Gazette, pay tribute to the memory and worth of the late Principal Grant. A Buffalo paper refers to the bar barities of the Philippines, and prac-

ticed by American troops, as "scarce paralleled in the history of nations. The Mail thinks North Renfrew may be won by the conservatives. The late Mr. Munro had a majority of 350, and

the Toronto News thinks the seat pretty safe for the Ross government. W. F. Stead is at it again, heaping insult on England on the close of the war. There is no country in the world where the man would be al-

lowed to go on as he is in England. There is a great scramble among the Ottawa people for a vacant seat in the senate. It is wonderful how many men think they are designed by nature and providence for openings of

The men who are moving from the United States into Canada are generally well off. Many have \$5,000 each with which to purchase and stock the farm. Many have \$30,000 and \$40,000 and are going into wheat and cattle raising on an extensive plan.

Rice will probably atone for the death of constable Boyd in July. has had a year's respite while the law points of his case have been discussed. Canada cannot afford to imitate America in the delays of justice, despite the money a criminal may possess.

The later analysis of the vote goes to show that the liberal candidates in London and South Wellington were defeated by the prohibitionists who had candidates of their own. In South Huron and South Oxford the liberals were defeated by the indifference of the liberal prohibitionists.

A kindly act of premier Ross is he in return left at the bedside of a crimson parliament mantle and surno one can understand is the opponent. John A. Leitch. He has Westminster then brought the "Ampart which Kruger and Levds did not since died, but his hours were sooth pulla," or golden eagle, containing it, while sitting in king Edward's chair, in it. They have been completed ed by the generous touch of sym-

MOST SOLEMN PORTION OF THE CORONATION.

The Custom is of Extreme Anti quity-Sacred History Furnishes Instances-Method of the Anointing.

The use of oil at occasions of special solemnity, like baptism, confirmation, and ordination, has been marked feature in the practice and sustoms of the church. The sacred rite of coronation forms no exception to this rule. Indeed, it may be said without fear of any exaggeration that the unction or ancinting is out and away the most central and the most solemn portion of the entire ceremony.

What, then, is the precise meaning attached to the solemn anointing of the king? It has been defined by an ancient writer as follows: "Anointing is a sacred signature, betokening sovereignty, obedience to the throne, submission to the sceptre, allegiance

That the custom is one of extreme antiquity we scarcely need to be told. Sacred history has furnished us with the first really clear and distinct account of the solemn anointing of a king: "Then Samuel took a vial oil and poured it upon his head, and said, Is it not because the Lord hath anointed thee to be captain over His inheritance?" Saul's successors themselves underwent the same holy rite. We learn that David administered a called upon. It could not have pre- weighty rebuke to one man for the vented the sale of horses and mules to evil had done to the unfortunate Saul-"How wast thou not afraid to stretch forth thine hand to touch the Lord's anointed?" while the grand ceremony of the anointing of Solomor has left its impress, we might say for ever, upon our own coronation service in the time-honored anthem. "Zadok the Priest." A considerable amount of further evidence might be adduced from oriental sources showing the wide prevalence of this practice but we must go still further affeld and examine some of the records o christian nations. Traces may found so far back as the year 636 when the ceremony of unction was distinctly mentioned in the acts of the sixth council of Toledo; and barely a century later similar traces are to be found in our own Northumbria in th "Pontificale," drawn up by archbish

op Egbert (732-767); while the Anglo-Saxon Chronicle, in describing same ceremony speaks of Eghert, son of Offa, king of Mercia, as having been anointed. Of the great Alfred, too, it was distinctly stated by the English chronicler, Robert of Gloucester, that as soon as pope Leo IV. heard of the death of king Ethelwulf he "oiled him to be king.

The illustrations will be sufficient to testify to the extreme age of this rite, and also that it would seem to be re garded as an absolutely essential portion of the coronation service. With Henry IV, however, or rather with his predecessor, Richard II, the sacred oil appears surrounded by a beautiful halo of legend, which, though it may not even be based on a single fact, possesses charm of its own. The story of the legend runs in this manner. Thomas A. Becket was condemned to spend a not inconsiderable por tion of his time in banishment owing to the wrath of Henry II. During the period of this exile he found his way to Lyons; there the strange miracle of the holy oil is said to have happened. One night he happened to be kneeling at prayer in a church, when the Blessed Virgin appeared to him She carried with her a golden eagle, and also a small vial of stone or glass. She presented it to the archbishop, and gave him her assurance that the richest of blessings would be the lot of those kings upon whom this some oil was poured. She bade him deliver it to a certain monk at Poictiers, who would himself hide it away beneath a large stone in the church of St. Gregory. This last commandment was duly carried out, and for some two hundreds years the eagle remained in this church, together with an ac count of the story written by Becket himself. Then at length the whereabouts of the treasure was made known by means of a dream which befell a certain holy man. The vessel was brought to the duke of Lancaster, and by him it was delivered to the Black Prince. For some years the eagle with the sacred oil remained in the tower, preserved in a strong chest. So careful indeed was the care thus bestowed upon it that its existence even was forgotten, and the very king, Richard H, who it was intended should be the recipient of this high and holy privilege lost it altogether

in this accidental fashion. After Richard II had sat on the throne of England for a good number of years the oil was re-discovered. The king at once applied to the archbishop of Canterbury, and implored him to anoint him with this most notent instrument. The archbishop stubbornly refused, maintaining that it was a sheer impossibility to repeat a second time the great rite of the king's dress, which so far had been the oil about with him, and in his malms of the king's hands, clusion of his troublesome and unsat both shoulders, on the bowings

to represent the particular oil) of the sanctity, and strength. legend; but it was continued in use,

It now becomes necessary to say a of white lawn was placed upon few words on the subject of the method of the anointing. It is related of Richard I, one of the first of our English monarchs whose coronation minster, as the case might be, was was stripped to his shirt and

Edward VI, was actually laid full length upon the high altar of Westminster abbey, where he was anointed by Cranmer, who knelt in front of us, also, of the unction as it took spoken of with praise at Glencoe. The place at James II.'s coronation. The bouquet with which he was presented king was first of all disrobed of his and poured a portion of oil through the queen always knelt at this moment bandlows

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done; certain specific the high altar. If, however, a queen regnant was to be anounted, she sat, administration of the sacred oil. Rich. kept closed by means of ribbons, were of course, in the chair just like a king.

ard was not a little disappointed; but opened, and the ceremony of anointing he did the next best thing, he carried was reverently performed upon the possession it remained until the con- breast, on both shoulders and between both his arms, and last of all upon Henry IV was the first sovereign, the crown of the head. The ideas cor therefore, who was anointed with the veyed by the anointing on head particular oil for what was presumed breast, and arms were those of glory, The reverence displayed towards the as will be seen, for a considerable time oil was most remarkable. No sooner

was the unction completed than a coil king's head, and a pair of white linen gloves (part of the regalia) upon his hands. The abbot or dean of Westhas been reported in some detail, that finitely enjoined most carefully to dry the remaining places, touched by holy oil, with cotton wool or might flow without difficulty over his linen, which was then to be burnt The coif already mentioned remained upon the king's head a full week.

confined to the king. The offeen conthe bird's beak into the spoon. This upon some cushions on the steps

1 Mary's coronation desplays a curious variation with regard to the unction, in that the oil had literally to be procured from algroad. At that particular moment the supply of the old oil of the legend which had been used for the anointing of Henry IV. and his successors had not yet come to an end. In spite, however, of its time-honored character, the superstitutious queen would have none of it. She had firmly made up her mind that its employment at the coronation of her Protestant brother Edward & at the hands of archbishop Cranmer, some six years previously, had utterly and hopelessly vitiated it. Accordingly, another supply was furnished from Brussels by the emperor Charles V, which oil had been duly blessed, first of all, by the The vessel containing the

serves something more than a mere passing notice. It is known as the bot of Westminster after he had cele. golden eagle or ampulla Parts of brated mass. After this the king's this very bird, and part also in all him. A full account has descended to beed was to be "washed, dryed, and probability of the apoon, would seem to have been included in the old re-The ceremony of anoisting was not galia, and alone to have escaped ravages of the Long parliament, he in return left at the bedside of a coat, after which he took his seat dying citizen, a friend vet political in kine Edward's chair. The deep of though in a somewhat different man-