RETARY, NATIVE OF CANADA.

-On Both Sides He Springs From

Statesmen Who Have Rendered the

Empire Distinguished Services In

the Colonies-Colonial Crisis on at

Of Lord Elgin, the new Secretary of

State for the Colonies, it might be said

that he comes to the office by right of

birth. On both sides he springs from

statesmen who have rendered to the

Empire very distinguished service in

the colonies, and he himself was born

in the chief colony. His father was

that Lord Eigin who was Governor-

General from 1847 to 1854, and his mo-

ther was Lady Mary Louisa Lambton,

daughter of that Earl of Durham, who

held the office of Governor-General and

High Commissioner of British North

America in 1838. It is impossible to

exaggerate the value of the work thus

done for Canada and the Empire by

the present Earl of Elgin's father and

by his maternal grandfather. The lat-

ter's penetrating mind went to the real

cause of the rebellion, and in his fam-

ous report, which the Imperial Gov-

ernment in part acted upon, he laid the

foundations of responsible government

here. If to Lord Durham is to be giv-

having them established by the Act of

Union of 1841, to his son-in-law is to

be given the credit of putting these

principles into working order, al task

of uncommon difficulty. Lord Dumam

found a remedy for the ills that had

produced the rebellion. It was for Lord

Elgin to apply so much of that remidy

as the British Parliament had adopted.

Born During Colonial Crisis.

Lord Elgin's efforts to administer the

country in the spirit of the new Consti-

tution brought a storm about his ears,

to something of the violence the rebell

had shown. Elgin held unwaveringly

sympathize with its policy or its acts.

When he gave his assent to the Rebel

fion Losses Bill the indignation of al

who had opposed the idea of indemni-

fying men who had taken up arms

against the Sovereign broke out. On

Montreal to his home the Governor-

General was pelted with rotten eggs,

mud and stones. On the same night

the Parliament Building was attacked

and burned. All this, of course, was

the work of a mob, whose excesses the

demned. The outbreak was on April 25, 1849. On April 80, on his way to

and from the half in which the Legis

lature was assembled. Lord Elgin wa

again assailed, and "Monklands," hi

For weeks he did not leave his house

It was in this trying time, on the 16th

of May, 1849, that his eldest son, the

present Lord Elgin and the new Sec-

excellent picture of the lad, standi

beside his father, is reproduced f

Prof. George M. Wrong's "The Earl of

Almost a Toronto Man.

rowly escaped being a Toronto man

Buildings and the further demonstra-

tions of the populace, it was decided

that Montreal should no longer be the

sessions of the existing Legislature

were held in Toronto, Lord Elgin, we learn from Mr. John Ross Robertson's

"Landmarks of Toronto," arrived in

that city by boat on the 9th of October,

1849, and was rather ill received. Here he made his home at "Elmsley Villa,"

which stood on the site now occupie

by the Central Presbyterian Church.

In his "Toronto of Old" Dr. Scadding

mentions that Lord Elgin was a regu-

lar worshipper in Holy Trinity Church

during the time of the rebuilding of

St. James' Cathedral after the fire of

1849. During the earl's residence in

Toronto the present Normal School

was built. He laid the corner-stone on

July 2, 1851. Montreal being the city

of his birth, and Toronto the city of

his early infancy, the Secretary for the

Colonies should have a warm place in

his heart for them, in spite of the fact

that in the middle of last century they

did not see eye to eye with his father.

Colonial Policy.

The new Secretary inherits no ten-

dency to make Downing Street rule

stronger. Both his grandfather, the

Earl of Durham, and his father, the

Earl of Elgin, were leaders in the de-

on until the great colonies are now

practically as free agents as if they

were independent States. Their great-

ness is largely the result of the con-

cession to them of self-government.

From the new Secretary we shall ex-

pect an administration of the colonies

along the lines followed by Mr. Cham-

berlain and Mr. Lyttelton. These two

statesmen showed a recognition of the

of their predecessors showed. Lord El-

Commercial Views.

does not take more advanced ground

the colonies had not yet reached the

in bringing about. The Elgin treaty

"Three Swallows."

of reciprocity held from 1854 to 1866.

To-day Mr. Chamberlain himself

The Secretary for the Colonies nar-

eader of the Opposition strongly con-

his way from Parliament House

and the late Loyalists were incens

to the principle that the majority and

His Birth.

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on to the Minister of the Interior, ttawa, the Commissioner of Immigration, Winnipeg, or the local agent for he district in which the land is situate, poeia of all witches who profess to

before making application for patent he settler must give six months notice is a "critical" place for children to

are ready to tell of pixy influence, and the man or woman who goes astray on Dartmoor, or who does any unwonted thing, will declare that the pixies are to blame, "Pixy led" is the term given in explanation of such unusual conduct. The pixies are a race "invisibly are a race "invisibly

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SWAY OVER MANY PEOPLE.

Over a Century Has Passed Sings the Last Trial for Witchcraft - Two Kinds of Devonshire Witches, Black and White-Devon Fairies, Too, Still Hold Potent Sway - Marry Other Superstitions Prevail There

The belief in the power of witches does not disappear very easily before the advance of civilization. In parts of England, particularly in the west. says The London Daily Express, there even to the giving of considerable money, as their forefathers did that:

Midnight hags,

Although more than a century has craft, in the secluded parts of Devonshire, belief in the power of charms, the "evil eye" and other similar supertitions still exists. The belief being there, it is natural that the supersti-

tious easily find a sympathetic ear into

fiends and spectres from the

hich they can pour their troubles and learn of weird and mystic remedies. The Devonshire witches are still diided into two kinds—bla The black witches will for a pecuniary deration condemn a man or an to excruciating torture. The white witches, on the other hand, will provided they are properly "palmed," ake to see that no harm comes to their clients. Of the two the white witches are the more numerous nowadays, and some of them make a

rtable income in forecasting the future for credulous clients. In no part of Devonshire is witch craft so much believed in as in the Culm Valley. There is a local paying that there are enough witches in the valley to roll a hogshead of cider up a precipitous hill, and it is certain that there are several people living within sight of the hill who profess to possess supernatural powers. In most cases they are descendants of persons who indulged in similar practices Witchcraft is a hereditary possession It is not often that particulars besome known of visits paid to witches, who naturally prefer everything to be kept as quiet as possible. A typical case was that of a young girl who, when she heard that her former lover

over him. She consulted her mother, a woman just over forty, and together they went to the house of a reputed The interview was apparently very ccessful until the amount to be charged for the witching was mention ed. This was regarded by the visitors as prohibitive, and the young man was

was going to marry some one else

thought she would like a spell to cast

accordingly "spared." The witch mentioned in this case he daughter of a woman who had a large and distinguished clientele, some of whom used to go to her in carriages. She is a woman of middle age, and it is said she professes to be able not only to cast a spell, but to cure various in

A man who believed that his pigs had been bewitched was told not long ago to take the heart of a pig, stick it full of pins and needles, and roast it at the are. He was further enjoined that if all the members of his family were seated around the fire at the time, watching the operation, the person who had bewitched the animal would look in upon them.

The remedies resorted to by the witches are exceedingly curious. fits they have been known to advise served, may be homesteaded upon by any should steal a piece of lead from the strain who is the sole head of a family, window of a church during divine services of ppe-quarter section, of 160 vice and bend it into three pieces, so that it may be worn round the neck by y may be made personally at the the patient. As a cure for warts there se land to be taken is situated, or if the is, according to some witches, nothing

poela of all witches who profess to cure people of sores. All they do in ESTEAD DUTIES : A cettler who such cases is to tie a portion of the is required to perform the con-bite people have been told to catch an adder, fry it and put it on the affected

Sheep's Tor, the rugged eminence which rises at the back of the tiny ceased; of any person who is village of Sheepstor, about six miles take a homestead entry unfrom Tavistock, is still pointed out as the home of the Devon fairles, or pixies, as they are locally termed. The crevice in the broken granite of the tor which is said to be the favorite haunt of these creatures of fancy is called the pixies' house.

It is formed by several massive rocks which rest slantingly against the side of the tor, and even to this day superthe home of the Devon fairles, or pixies,

APPLICATION FOR PATENT about stitious local folk are in the habit of dropping a pin, as an offering to the tore the Local Agent, Sup-Agent or the pixies, at the entrance of the crevice

enter after sundown. Ask them to describe a pixie and they will say that never has one been seen. But many are ready to tell of pixy influence, and The pixies are a race "invisibly

small," but all the same there are per ple to be found in this part of Devon who will declare that they have heard

Little pixy, fair and slim, Without a rag to cover him, out in force on dark nights, riding the horses of neighboring farmers and ounding cider within their rocky

Sheep's Tor is said to be rich to minerals stored among the boulders and crags by the pixies, and it is certainly on record that grains of gold have been found in the water courses below the tor, which would, of course, only strengthen the belief of the natives ! the actuality of their uncanny neigh.

Other superstitions still rife in &De-

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cear must be that of a man; that illick follows the spilling of salt on the tablecloth and the crossing of tableknives. These are only a few of many

imilar minor beliefs The term "whistness," so often used by the natives in the more remote orners of Devon, means any unearthly being or stands for the effects of witchcraft, or anything which is not easily intelligible. "I seed whistness last night." "a whistness came to the window." "her's cruel whist sure" (meaning "she's very ill"), and "a whist old place of a wood," are sayings which serve to illustrate the ways in which the word is used.

ARCHDRUID OF WALES.

Very Picturesque Figure Was the Lat

Hwfa Mon, the Archdruid of Wale died at Rhyl recently, after a long He was the most picturesque perse ality in Wales. Tall, upright and broad-shouldered, with a massive frame and herculean strength, a splendid head covered with a profusion of snow-white hair, a round, beardless face of classic

mould, and eyes glistening with the poetic genius of his race, he was the most attractive and striking individu For the past ten years he was entral imposing figure at the quain ritual of the Gorsedd. Dressed in his bardic robes, with his breast bedecked head a crown of acorns, he stood on the hogan stone and awakened the en the credit of prescribing the princi-

dwch?" ("Is there peace.") Having received an affirmative dy, he thrust the Gorsedd sword - a arge, unwieldy weapon-back into sheath, and handed it back to the

hoes with his mighty roar of

'keeper of the sword." He was recognized as the greatest living master of the "cynghanedd" style of Welsh poetry, and some of his des and poems will live as long as the language in which they are written. He also possessed magnificent oratorcal powers, and as preacher and lecirer he was in great demand all over

For fifteen years Hwfa Mon was pas for of the Welsh Congregational Church at King's Cross. That, of course, was before the bardic title was conferred on him, and he was then known as the Rev. Roland Williams. He left Londo for Llangollen, and here, in a pictures que residence on the banks of the Dec, he spent the happiest years of his life. Curiously enough, he was uncertain about his own age, as he recently discovered in an old family Bible that he was seven years older than he thought. It is believed that he was eighty-six at the time of his death.

Queen Alexandra Loved By Tiger. Queen Alexandra's fondness for animals and their gentleness to her are quite phenomenal. Recently when a baby elephant was taken to Buckingnam Palace to amuse a children's party it made at once for the Queen's side and followed her about the whole time, and didn't want to leave her.

She visited the Hippodrome and there a seven-week-old tiger cub onging to Herr Sawade. When brought it to the Queen she expressed a desire to fondle it in her arms. Sawade protested that its temper was unreliable and its claws long and unexpectedly used. The Queen laughingly said: "Oh, don't be frightened; we shall get along all right together: I take all

ing cub in the Queen's arms, when it purring; but when Sawade was taking it away its claws suddenly shot out, fastening in the sleeve of the Queen's seat of Government. The remaining coat, and the trainer had to pull sharply to get it loose. The Queen only smiled, though, as Sawade said, if the tiger's claw had reached her face she would have been scarred for life.

The Mace.

The mace was originally a potent weapon of offense, originating doubtless in that earliest and most common weapon, the wooden club. It was an essential part of a knight's accounterment, being useful at close quarters. For ready convenience it was hung at his saddlebow. Says an ancient poem: And with his heavy mase of stele

Then he gave the kyng his dele. The besague and baston were varied forms of the mace. The mace used on horseback was a small weapon usually of steel. That used on foot was much longer and commonly of wood, with head armed with iron rings and spikes. It was carried by the escort of magistrates and others as a ready protection against violence. As society quieted down and its original use fell into abey ance the thing assumed the ornamental appearance it now has, it being now carried as a mere honorary form.

Unique Military Band. There is a wholly unique military band attached to a Surrey regiment of the British army which other British regiments are preparing to copy. The Savoy regiment's band, which was formed only recently, is composed entirely of performers on the mouth organ, All these musicians are members of the First East Surrey regiment, and Their function consists of relieving the regular regimental band while on the march. The effect of their playing seems to be a good deal more stimu- ate of the dignity of the self-governlating than that produced by a drum ing colonies. corps, and the new idea appears likely to be extensively imitated throughou the British army. Thus future heroes may march to battle to the inspiring wheeze of the harmonica instead of to

clarion and fife. The Bone Didn't Fit.

roungster to a butcher who kept a shop British Empire into one huge zollvein a busy suburban thoroughfore, "and rein, with free interchange of comshe's sent me to show you the big bone | modities and uniform duties against

bullock without bones in it I'll out." But actual and pressing condimake her a present of a joint," said tions had then to be provided for, and the man of meat, with a grin. "Mother's compliments," continued status necessary for the arranging of the boy, "and she says next time you such a commercial partnership. The mutton bone in it she'd like to buy the instant was reciprocity with the Unitwhole carcass as a curiosity!"-Lon- ed States, which Lord Elgin succeeded

nina more than doubled in the ten

SALE OF IRVING RELICS.

Fancy Prices Paid For the Noted Actor's Belongings. The sale of the late Sir Henry Irv-LORD ELGIN, NEW COLONIAL SEC-

ing's theatrical relics, art works and library was begun at Christie's in London the other day. The Actors' Benevolent Fund, for the benefit of which the sale is being held, is likely to profit largely from the strong interest displayed by the theatrical profession especially to possess some memento of the distinguished actor. It was an unusual crowd which gathered to witness the disposal of the collection. It included almost everybody of note in the theatrical world, besides other prominent persons, like Alfred Charles de Rothschild and Ashmead Bartlett

A note of pathetic interest was supplied in the presence of personal friends and relations of the actor, many of whom hoped to secure some memento for a trifling sum, only to be disappointed. To almost every one of the 254 lots offered some history or personal association attached.

The bidding was of the keenest, both on the part of dealers and of private buyers, and a total sum of \$12,750 was realized. This represented an amount far in excess of the value of the articles. American dealers are said to have secured many of the best lots, and several dealers, it is understood, were buying on commissions from leaders of the profession. The pictures and the library will be offered

A Malacca cane which had belonged to Garrick fetched \$210, and a plain gold ring worn by Garrick was sold for \$215. The sword Irving wore as Richard III. went for \$155, and a flintlock used in the character of Peter the Great, was knocked down to the same figure. Another ring owned by Garrick, set with a topaz, which was presented to Irving in New York, was sold for \$215. The Waterloo medal worn by the actor as Capt. Brewster in the "Story of Waterloo" brought \$150, while its real value was nearer \$7.50. The same might be related of

Among the most notable items were bronze statue of Irving as Hamlet by Onslow Ford, the original of the marble statue now in the Guildhall, which went for \$1.625 to an American dealer. A carved ivory crucifix, which always hung in the actor's bedroom which sold for \$130; Charles Kean's table, which brought \$325, and Eugene Adam's lamp, which was knocked down

"FIONA MACLEOD."

Death Released the Secret of William

Sharp, the Author. The announcement has been made apon behalf of Mrs. Sharp, the widow of William Sharp, news of whose death Sicily was received at London recently, that her husband was the author of all the works of prose and poetry given out during past years a written by "Flona MacLeod." The announcement causes no astonishment in literary London, for it necessarily was known to a number of persons and guessed at by many, and more than once suggested in the public prints. In the outset Mr. Sharp assumed the pseudonym of Miss Flona MacLeod because retary for the Colonies, was born. An he was not convinced that the public would receive kindly certain writings Elgin," from a photograph taken in

To be associated with them he fancled might discredit his known works, and injure his reputation. Later it is said he found it pecuniarily profitable to preserve the pseudonym, because the constant questioning in the public mind as to the identity of "Fiona Mac-Leod" and the frequent suggestion that he and "Fiona" were one and the same person tended to make a demand both for his acknowledged works and those he was suspected of writing.

The actual statement as to the identity of "Fiona MacLeod" was made upon behalf of Mrs. Sharp by her husband's friend, Mr. Richard Whiting.

London Loses Famous Host. London society has lost a great en-

tertainer and the turf a notable supporter in the death of Lord Ilchester, at the age of 58. Ilchester played a rominent part in London society life Possession of Holland House, with its crowd of famous memories, almost would compel the owner to entertain. but he almost may be said to have liv-

ed up to the best past of the most interesting historical house in London. new ballroom was added by Lord Ilhester, at a cost of some \$150,000. A nasked ball was given in it some years ago, and the numerous garden parties, for which invitations were so eagerly sought every season, are quite worthy the eighteenth century fame of Holland House. Lord lichester lived. however, much in the twentieth century, and automobiles and telephones were to be found in his house. centralizing movement, which has gone

The most interesting of his was, perhaps, Abbottsbury Castle, near Dorchester, with its wonderful subropical garden, on the windswept Dorchester coast, A swannery and decoy ducks here were the favorite hobbies of Lord Ilchester. Tame ducks kept in the pond soon were joined by wild ducks in search of food. The former then led their visitors into series of carefully constructed tunnels Five hundred wild ducks have been secured in two days at Abbottsbury. gin can be trusted to be duly consider-

A Yankee Outdone. A Yankee passenger in a train the other day was wearying his fellowtravelers with his "tall" stories, and remarked: "We can start with a 12storey hotel one month and have it on the trade question than did Lord finished the next!" This was too much Elgin's father. Writing to the Home for a burly Yorkshireman, who sat Government, the latter acknowledged next to him. "Man, that's nowt," he that there was "something captivating replied. "Ah've seen 'em when ah've in the project of forming this vast been going to work just layin' the foundation stones of a row of houses. and when ah've bin comin' home at night they've bin puttin' the folks out the world without; though perhaps for back rent."-London Globe:

A Pigeon's Snug N'est,

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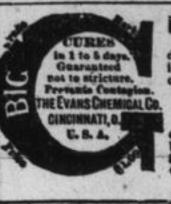
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