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Plans for the Coronation

London.—Everything points to the coronation ceremony being a gorgeous spectacle, in some ways more so than the last occasion. It seems possible for instance, that peers who are Knights of St. Patrick or of the Thistle, will wear robes of the order to which they belong, instead of the usual coronation robes, and this should give a greater wealth of variety and colour.

At the coronation of the late King, only the Knights of the Garter and peers taking part in the procession wore the robes of their orders. Besides making for picturesqueness, the new departure would be a compliment to Ireland and Scotland by placing the members of the orders of St. Patrick and the Thistle on the same footing as the Knights of the Garter.

After several assertions and denials there is now official authority for the announcement that the King and Queen will visit Ireland in the season. Their Majesties' visit will lend a stimulus to the Dublin season which it at present badly needs, and will thereby conduce to the prosperity of the country among every section of the population. Furthermore, there is every reason to expect that if the visit proves the success that is anticipated it will be repeated and will tend to become, when their Majesties' arrangements allow, a regular institution in future years.

Dublin appears to be in a whirl of excitement over the promised royal visit, and the brilliance of the functions during their Majesties' stay in the Irish capital will be some compensation for the dulness of recent "seasons" in Ireland. Dublin will be full of overflowing during the royal visit.

Those who own houses within easy reach will have large house parties, among them, of course, Lord and Lady Powerscourt, at Powerscourt, and Lord Leagh, at Farnleigh, and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Guinness, at Glenmaroon. Viscountess Leagh, who is now residing at Valenceur after a serious operation, will also, it is hoped, be well enough by that time to entertain. The Earl and Countess of Meath and Lord Holm-Patrick are also sure to be at their Irish seats for the occasion.

There will also be a court and levee at Holyrood Palace during their Majesties' visit to the Scottish capital, which, however, will be nothing, as a social event, compared with the Irish visit. One unique spectacle, however, will mark the visit to Edinburgh. The King will be attended by his bodyguard of Scottish Archers, in their picturesque green uniforms, crimson sashes and plumed cocked hats.

More talk of annexation

Over reciprocity agreement Between United States and the Dominion of Canada

LONDON.—Representative Champ Clark's speech in favour of the annexation of Canada, which even the liberal papers, which have favoured Dominion reciprocity with the United States, characterize

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as amazing, will do more to unite Englishmen into a solid phalanx against the agreement than all the pathetic pleadings of the imperialistic organs.

The "Morning Post," in an impassioned appeal to Englishmen to save the Empire, points out that in the United States there no longer is any attempt to conceal the ultimate consequences that must follow the establishment of reciprocity by Canada when American public men, including the incoming Speaker, openly and freely declare that the annexation of the Dominion is the end to which commercial union will lead.

The "Pall Mall Gazette," commenting on Mr. Clark's speech, says Englishmen cannot much longer shut their eyes to the plain truth that preference signifies union and Cobdenism, to w a r d which it looks upon reciprocity as long step, and means the dissolution of the Empire.

The Washington correspondent of the "Standard," after describing the tremendous enthusiasm and great cheering of Mr. Clark's declaration that he had no doubt the time would come when Great Britain would gladly give her possessions in North America to the United States, says no doubt can exist any longer that American statesmen are beginning annexation as the inevitable result of the closer relations which reciprocity will bring about.

The "Express" and other unionist newspapers are indignant over Mr. Clark's speech and support the "Post" in the demand for a fight against the ratification of the agreement, and the issue now is sure to loom large in Parliament, where the opponents of reciprocity will make the most of what unprejudiced Englishmen and Canadians here consider a blunder.

It only is the truth to say that nearly all Canadians interviewed by the "Herald" advocate reciprocity, but strongly favour remaining a part of the British Empire.

One of this type is Mr. Joseph Martin, M. P., once the Premier of British Columbia, who returned to London today after a two months' visit to Canada. He says: "The reciprocity agreement is strongly approved by Canadians. There is no truth whatever in the statements that there is strong feeling against it."

"I notice that the meat packers of the Dominion are against the agreement. This is the organization which in the last few years has doubled the price of meat, but reduced the price paid to farmers for cattle. The packers' monopoly will be destroyed by opening the market of the United States to Canadian consumers. That explains the opposition."

"Flour millers in Canada also are opposed to the agreement, which will destroy their monopoly, too."

"The only anti-reciprocity feeling in Canada is among these interests and the manufacturers, who see the control of the Canadian market slipping away from them."

"In my opinion, free entry of wheat and live stock into the United States will increase the

value of all farming land in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta.

"With regard to Great Britain, the agreement will do no harm. It will not weaken ties that bind the Dominion to the mother country."

Canada's growing population

All parts of the British Empire will take a census of the population during the present year, as the British census, unlike ours, is taken every five years. Naturally, Americans will be more interested in the results of the census in Canada than in any other part of the British realm, partly because the Dominion is our near neighbor with whom we desire to cultivate more intimate trade relations, and partly because most Americans entertain a secret hope that eventually Canada will seek annexation to the United States, a hope none the less genuine because it is unreasonable and improbable of realization.

For many years Canada progressed but slowly in population and some of the coast provinces were either at a standstill or actually lost people. Many Canadians have emigrated to the United States, as our latest census showed that more than a million inhabitants were of Canadian birth. During the past five years, however, Canada has advanced rapidly in population as well as in wealth. There has been a large inflow of Americans into the Canadian north-west and there has been an even greater immigration into the Dominion from Europe, Canada is looking for at least 8,000,000 people as a result of the approaching census, and although that figure seems over-optimistic, the showing is pretty apt to be in the neighborhood of 7,000,000.

The growth of Canada in population and prosperity is a source

of gratification to Americans. The presence of a large population across our northern borders creates a greater field for commercial interchange and the reciprocity measure now pending in Congress proposes to break down the barriers which now stand in the way of a more intimate exchange of products and better commercial relations generally.

Those foolish people who hope for Canadian annexation know little of the Canadian character and aspirations. Should the time ever come when Canada will desire to separate from the British Empire she will certainly elect to preserve her political autonomy intact. There is no real sympathy between the Canadian and this country and in few countries in the world is the national sentiment stronger, while loyalty to the British crown has become almost passion with the masses of the Canadian people. That these sentiments will change with the growth of population is not to be thought of, as national sentiment and desire for independence rather grow than diminish with the increase in the number of the inhabitants.

To compete For Husbands

Berlin.—According to a letter from a Prussian suffragette to the "Tageblatt," German girls are preparing to compete with English girls for Canadian husbands. Referring to the recent announcement that 5,000 English girls were wanted to become the wives of young Canadian farmers the writer says among other things:

"Since the German Government does not pay the least attention to the colossal surplus of German girls and as the high price of meat makes it increasingly difficult for respectable girls to get married, the girls of our circle have decided to become British subjects, emigrate to Canada and gratify the aspirations of Canadian bachelors. "The Prussian Government will then realize that the women to whom the right to vote is refused have been driven into the arms of England."

Current News.

The United Fruit Company expects today from Mobile the steamer "Ellis" from Mobile. She comes with ballast.

The s. s. "Parismina," from New Orleans via Barrios is expected here early this morning with cargo, passengers and mails.

The s. s. "San Jose," consigned and cleared by the United Fruit Co. left on Sunday morning last for Boston with Mrs. Ann Foster as a passenger, she carried a cargo of 30,000 bunches bananas.

The Telegraph and Guardian has reproduced several articles that appeared in the "Times" of recent dates. We are pleased to be assured in this manner that our efforts to keep the people of this republic also the outside world posted with the news of the day has been so well recognized. Our readers will readily admit the fact that it is a difficult task for us give every day a column and more of local news, as the area of the town is so circumscribed and the population move slowly. Howbeit we will ever do our level best to give the public the most reliable and latest news of the day. We will be pleased to receive from our friends on the lines any news of interest for publication.

On Sunday last a Jamaica got shot at a place called Santo Domingo, 3 miles from Carriacou. The deceased and some Spaniards were gaubing and as a result of an altercation he had with them one of the men drew his revolver and shot him.

Advices from Jamaica announce that the Revd J. W. Graham, late proprietor of the "Costa Rica Times" has opened his school at St. Anns, Jamaica. The climate of St. Anns is almost similar to that of Cartago and several gentlemen here are sending their sons to be educated by Mr. Graham.

Is the side walk in front of the post office a public spittoon? A few days ago a medical man called the attention of a policeman to the pools of saliva on the side walk and two men were pointed out who were responsible for a great amount of it. The policeman was asked to caution them that it was contrary to law. The guardian of law and order looked at the pool of saliva, spat vigorously on it and then ordered the men off.

Mr. S. S. Shaw of 28 miles has been the loser of a valuable cloak he had imported from England. As we are informed it appeared that Mr. Shaw's name appeared on the board that has the names of unclaimed betters and some one assuming the name of S. S. Shaw called for the letter, but to the delight of this bold adventurous thief it turned out to be a notice from the postal authorities of San Jose calling upon Shaw to pay duty on cloak and receive, same. S. S. Shaw number 2 took the notice to the window of the parcel post office, presented it and got the parcel, thus leaving the right Mr. S. S. Shaw in the "cold." Shaw has reported the matter to the Post Master at San Jose.

It was only a week ago that a Spanish man attempted to rob a woman of £2 that she dropped while paying a man that she owed; but yesterday the table turned, it was a young Jamaican, about 4 in the afternoon a busman who had hauled up near the late Montejo Hotel to await the arrival of the train; while lying off in his bus 50 cents dropped from his pocket, some little street arabs were playing near by, one of them saw when the "shining" half dollar fell from the man's pocket and snatched it up, he was seen by the man who called to him for it but instead of surrendering it he took to his heels and ran in the direction of the park. The busman chased him and ran him to earth, when caught the 50 cents was found in his pocket. The busman tried to carry him to the cartel but could not, the lad who is about 18 years old gave him battle, and after a skirmish of a few minutes and the arrival of a large crowd in front of the once hotel a policeman came up and took busman and boy to the cartel.

This is to certify my mind of making this publication of my wife live my promises from the twelve of December until now the twelve of February and I make claim of my married tickets and my ring, because she is living a miserable and dirty life for a married woman and my wife Margaret Allen Bring her self to on awful disgrace she Burn her wedden garment and her conformation dress out on the public railway if she should contract any death I am not responsible.

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Practice Battles at Sea

Washington.—Battle exercises at sea composed the principal part of the programme of war drills of the Atlantic fleet in the waters of Cuba last week, according to a wireless telegraph report

which has been received by Secretary of the Navy Meyer from Rear Admiral Schroeder, commander-in-chief of the fleet. All of the vessels, including the battleships, cruisers, scouts and destroyers, participated in the practice. An accomplishment gratifying to the officials here was the fact that an additional 200 men qualified in swimming during the week.

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