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avoid a development which will seriously affect the trade of the country and the welfare of the people.
No intimation was given as to the magnitude of the coming naval estimates and the suffragettes were not even mentioned.

ANOTHER ACCOUNT

London, Feb. 14—The second Parliament of King George, which was prorogued on December, reassembled today. The opening of the proceedings was marked with little ceremony, owing to the court mourning for the Duke of Fife.

The session promises to have a notable place in British history. Already it is popularly spoken of as the "Home Rule session," from the fact that, unless all signs go wrong, it will see the enactment of a measure that will make Home Rule for Ireland an accomplished fact, after more than thirty years of unceasing agitation and fighting.

The provisions of the Home Rule bill to be introduced by Mr. Asquith now form the staple topic of discussion in all quarters. In some of its important features the measure undoubtedly will be modeled closely after Mr. Gladstone's second Home Rule bill, while in other respects there will be radical differences.

It is certain that the ministry intends to provide for the creation of an Irish parliament to sit at Dublin and to consist of two chambers, the higher branch to be made up of about fifty members and the popular branch to have a membership of probably twice that number. The proceedings of the Dublin parliament will be confined to the purely internal affairs of Ireland. According to present plans it shall exercise no control with respect to the navy, army or militia, foreign policy, coinage, military camps or coast lighting, and will be forbidden to establish or endow any religion or deal with any religious matter. This latter provision is intended to meet the charges of the Unionists that an Irish parliament would make the Roman Catholic the State religion. Whether the Irish Parliament will control the excise customs is a point not yet determined. But whatever the decision in

this direction it certainly will be accompanied by a provision for free trade between Ireland and Great Britain. Ireland is expected to continue to have a representation in the Imperial Parliament, but probably in greatly diminished numbers.

ANGLO GERMAN RELATIONS

London, Feb. 14—"Buying orders for British Consols came from Berlin yesterday," says the London Daily Telegraph this morning. "It was assumed in consequence that something was really achieved by Lord Haldane's mission. It was reported that an important announcement concerning Anglo-German relations would be made in the King's speech today."

"It was rumored also that the resignation of Mr. Asquith was imminent. The high distinction conferred on Sir Edward Grey was taken by some sanguine spirits to mean that he succeeds to the premiership. The rise in consols also testified to the relief which would undoubtedly be felt, if Lloyd George is debarred from attaining that position."

The British war minister's conversations have already borne fruit in a demonstration of the fact that in both countries, there exists a strong desire in responsible quarters to remove so far as possible all grounds for inimicable feeling which recently marked their relations. This in itself, is a good step toward the goal aimed at and the advance in consols reflected the opinion in the city, that progress has been made toward the Anglo-German understanding which a leading London banker recently said would solve the problem of the depreciation of the premier British securities by sending them 10 points higher. Besides relieving the tension between these two countries, it is already apparent that Lord Haldane's visit has been productive of an arrangement for diplomatic pour parleur which may eventually lead to negotiations for a definite Anglo-German agreement covering all questions that may arise between the two nations. The feeling both here and in Berlin official circles, is optimistic as to a continuance of the "Conversations" initiated by Lord Haldane. From this point onward, of course they will be conducted through regular diplomatic channels.

PRESBYTERIANISM DISCUSSED

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all sacerdotal theories. For methods of efficiency God has appointed his disciples to different offices. The Church is thus essentially spiritual and seeks to express its spiritual reality in concrete form in the visible Church. Second, the distinctive features of Presbyterianism in its formal aspects are the parity of the ministry, the government and discipline of the Church conducted by the membership of the Church through elders ordained to rule and the unity of the Church.

THEOLOGY OF PRESBYTERIANISM

This is Calvinism which is not denominational as there are Calvinistic (Methodists, Baptists and Anglicans as well as Presbyterians). The publication of Calvin's Institutes of the Christian Religion gave rise to several Confessions as the Gallican, the Scottish, Heidelberg Catechism, Helvetic Confession, the Synod of Dort and the Westminster Confession of Faith. This latter is the Standard of Presbyterianism. This is not used as a test of membership, but is required of Office bearers. It was prepared by English divines with six Scottish divines at the request of the English Parliament as a common creed for the Reformed faith in England, Scotland and Ireland.

The plan failed as the Church of England adopted the Thirty Nine Articles, and the Westminster Confession became the standard of Presbyterianism. The Shorter and Larger Catechisms contain the substance of the Confession.

The distinctive doctrines of Presbyterianism may be grouped under two heads. First, the Sacraments. Presbyterianism rejects the sacerdotal or sacramentarian view. It refused to recognize the function of the priest finding no trace of his office in the New Testament. It accepts two Sacraments, Baptism and the Lord's Supper. In regard to the Supper it holds this is more than a symbol or mere memorial, it is a great spiritual reality to those who worthily participate. It holds to the real spiritual presence the Master promised.

Second in its emphasis upon the Sovereignty of God. Calvinism is the heart of it. Calvin started with the principle that everything is to be explained by its purpose and that Christianity was the working out of God's purpose in human redemption, therefore God is supreme in his plan and world. This was held by Luther, Zwingli, and it is in the Thirty Nine Articles, as well as the Westminster

Confession. The Council of Trent did not reject it. Augustine held it and Paul held it. It is the centre of Jesus' teaching. Calvinism frankly says this is clearly the plan of God. It also fully admits the freedom of the human will so that man is responsible for his choice and destiny. It has been objected that the two are inconsistent, but that same question meets us in experience and in philosophy and science as well as in theology. There is no system of philosophy or theology which has yet worked out the relation of the finite to the infinite satisfactorily from the standpoint of human reason. When that has been done we may think it worth while to pause and see how far Calvin was astray in his theology. At present Calvinism holds the fort in scientific theology, not in the material forms in which he expressed it but in the fundamental conception he emphasized.

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FUNERALS

LATE MRS. TASSIE GOODINE.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Tassie Goodine, wife of Mr. Xavier Goodine of Kingsclear, took place this morning and was largely attended. High Mass of Requiem was celebrated at St. Ann's Church by Rev. Father Cormier. Interment was made at Kingsclear.

LATE MABEL TRAIL.

The remains of the late Mabel Trail, whose death occurred at Kingsclear, were taken yesterday to her former home at Nackawick, where interment was made this morning.

PERSONAL

Miss Anna May of Fredericton Junction, is in the city to attend the U.N.B. play and is the guest of her friend, Miss Mary George, St. Mary's. Miss Madeline King returned to McAdam today after spending a very pleasant visit with her sister, Mrs. E. Grear, King Street, and friends in this city.

SENATE AMENDMENTS TO THE ENQUIRIES BILL

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minister of finance.
Mr. Carvell moved to strike out the clause providing for the investigation of combines because there was now a law by which the people could compel an investigation into combines, and one such investigation was now going on. The clause in the tariff commission bill was designed to cripple this really effective law.

THE BOUNDARIES BILL.

Ottawa, Feb. 13—The promised bill to extend the boundaries of Manitoba, Ontario and Quebec is still in "the twilight zone" of the government's politics. Negotiations between the Ontario and Manitoba representatives in reference to the division of territory and between the hierarchy and the government, in regard to the provision for separate schools in the area to be added to Manitoba, have been going on steadily for two months past.

Last week it looked as if the divergent interests were too far apart and too stubbornly insistent in their respective demands to allow of any compromise bill being offered to parliament. This session which would command a united party support and arrest the threatened open rupture with the Quebec ministerialists.

This week it is said the government has things "fixed," but is still hesitating about bringing in the bill because there is some doubt as to whether all the powder has been sufficiently dampened.

Tonight the Nationalist members are waving sparks over the powder barrel in an effort to compel a showdown both on the question of separate schools and on the question of the repeal of the naval law.

Mr. Barrette, Nationalist-Conservative member for Berthier, has placed a question on the order paper asking the government what reply was made to the petition of Roman Catholic residents of Le Pas, Keewatin district, asking for the erection of a separate school at that place under the federal regulations governing education in the northwest territories, and what policy the government intends to adopt in regard to the creation of separate schools in Keewatin. The question is full of embarrassment for the government.

As a further embarrassment, Mr. Lamarche, Nicolet, asks for a declaration from the government as to whether or not the House will be given an opportunity to discuss Mr. Seigney's resolution calling for a prompt repeal of the naval law. This resolution now stands at the bottom of the order paper and unless the government so allows it will not be reached this session, as government orders have precedence. The Nationalist members are demanding that opportunity be given them to compel a vote on the question this session.

THE HARKINS COMPANY HERE ON THURSDAY

Mr. Harkins, whose companies have always been strong favorites here, has got together this season a company of talented ladies and gentlemen who give a very excellent performance. The leading lady, Miss Alice Baxter combines with beauty and grace marked historic talent. Her presentation of the character of "Helen Heyer" was very effective. Thomas J. Carrigan made a hit in the title role. Miss Lydia Knott as "Jack Wright's" mother did very capable work, as did Miss Betty Farrington as Mrs. Payton. Miss Parke Patton made the part of "Lizzie Roberts" most amusing, and at the same time, showed capability in acting. Aldrich Bowker, John M. Waller and Miss Evelyn Henderson all took their parts very well.

The beautiful gowns worn by Miss Baxter were much admired.—Gloucester Bay Gazette.

Mr. Harkins will begin a three night engagement at the Opera House here on Thursday evening.

THE COLLEGE PLAY

The Taming of the Shrew will be repeated this evening, with the College Orchestra in attendance. This is the last opportunity to see this year's College Play, and this evening's performance promises to be even better than last night's. The curtain will rise at 8.15, and the ushers have orders not to show to their seats people who come in late until the Act is over. Patron from Marysville will note that the Marysville train is to be held until after the performance.

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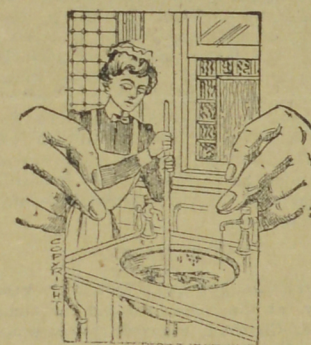
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