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OTTAWA DRESS PARADE.

Many Fine Gowns Worn at the Parliament Opening.

SOME MARITIME PROVINCE LADIES IN THE LIST.

State Dinner and Reception.

Ottawa, Feb. 14.—Considerably more than the usual splendor, marked the opening of the second session of the ninth Parliament of Canada, as the Speaker sonorously announced from his chair in the Senate Chamber yesterday afternoon. For those who had been present at the last opening, when in mourning for the dead Queen, the walls and throne were draped in black, the ladies gowned in sombre robes, with but a knot of gray or violet as relief, and the only brightness, the scarlet coats of the officers, dulled by the broad band of crepe, the contrast was a wide one indeed. Then all was gloom and sorrow, yesterday all was brilliancy, pomp and display.

The floor was crowded with ladies gowned in rich silks and laces, with church dignitaries, officers and officials, while the new gentleman usher of the Black Rod and his bows were the source of much interest. In one group of officers among the Governor-General were noticed Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Hon. P. W. Scott, Major-General C. Grady, Col. Cartwright, Col. Rutherford, Col. Vidal, Capt. Mitchell (India) and Major Dent.

Her Excellency the Countess of Minto was attended by Mrs. Maude and Lady Sybil Grey, while the vice-regal visitors watched proceedings from the gallery. Lady Minto's gown was an elegant creation of white satin, heavily embroidered in silver, the corsage trimmed with lace, caught under a knot of pink roses, and she wore a diamond and pearl necklace and tiara of diamonds. Mrs. Maude was in black satin and sequins, the front of the gown a mass of white lace, caught with pink roses, with diamond necklace and diamond cross in her hair. Lady Sybil Grey looked especially well in white satin, with flounce of chiffon braided by gold embroidery, the corsage relieved by gold embroidery and choix of chiffon.

Lady Laurier's gown was very attractive, of black net, heavily embroidered in silver, over mauve satin; she carried a large bouquet of American beauty roses, with broad ends of green ribbon.

Among others of the gowns deserving of especial attention was that worn by Mrs. Power. It was of pink silk, brocaded in green, with frills and cash of green silk, the bodice trimmed with real lace and red flowers. Miss Mary Powers was in white, with blue shoulder knots and sash. Mrs. O'Grady-Haley was in black net, embroidered in jet, with pink choix at corsage, and diamonds. Lady Cartwright in black and white. Miss Cartwright, in yellow silk. Miss Beique (Montreal), in mode, with fichu of white and pink flowers. Mrs. W. C. Edwards, in blue and pink. Mrs. Clifford Sifton, in white brocade, frilled with chiffon. Mrs. McKenzie (Brandon), black lace, over white, with pink. Mrs. Borden wore black satin, and yellow roses. The Misses Borden, black. Mrs. Pellatt (Toronto), black satin lace cape. Mrs. Fielding, black, with jet and violets. Mrs. Mulock black net and white ruff, Lady Davies, in crimson satin and lace. Mrs. G. W. Rose, black embroidered chiffon. Mrs. Willison (Toronto), black velvet, Miss Mary Scott, cream lace applique over pink silk. Mrs. Fletcher, black brocade, sequin sleeves. Mrs. D'Arcy Scott, white rennaissance lace over pale blue. Mrs. W. L. Scott, black pean de soie and blue panne. Mrs. R. L. Borden, black and steel. Mrs. Alling (New Haven), black angled net. Miss Alling, white crepe. Mrs. Fred Thompson (Fredericton), black and red brocade, white lace. Mrs. Melvin Jones (Toronto), opalescent gown. Miss Melvin Jones, white embroidered net, ermine collar and stole, choix of violets. Two remarkably pretty gowns were worn by the Misses Kerr (Coburg). They were billows of white mousseline, embroidered in silver. Mrs. Willoughby Cummings (Toronto), wore black silk and white lace. Mrs. Gibson (Hamilton), black satin and pink flowers. Miss Church, white satin. Miss Droue (Montreal), white satin and fur. Mrs. McGann (Toronto) black sequined net. Miss Anderson (P. E. I.),

white satin and lace. Mme. Casgrain, black satin. Mrs. David Mills, black satin and lace. Miss Innes (New York), black. Miss Aitken (Edinburgh), white satin and lace. Miss Lee (London), black. Mrs. Ball, black and jet. Miss Bell, white embroidered in gold. Miss Berskin, (London), black and white. Mrs. Boyd (England), black velvet and lace over mauve brocade. Miss Lingham, (Belleville), fawn crepe and blue velvet. Miss Sullivan (Kingston), pink. Mrs. Duncan Macpherson (Toronto), black grenadine and gold. The Misses Van Straubenz (Kingston), black satin and chiffon. Miss Hayes, black silk and net. Miss Briggs (England), black silk lace and black velvet. Miss Bethune (Toronto), cream crepe and pink panne. Mrs. James McGregor (Montreal) black and white striped grenadine. Miss Seymour (Toronto), black. Mrs. Calvin (Kingston) black with silver sequins. Miss Calvin, pale blue. Mrs. Forester (Toronto), black jet, Mrs. Clinch (Quebec), jetted gown, and Miss Wilson (Toronto), sea green silk and velvet.

In the vice-regal box in the gallery were Lady Grey in gray and mink. Lady Taylour, in black velvet. Lady Alex. Bauciere in gray. Mrs. Charles Dana Gibson in black. Mr. Gibson, Mrs. and Miss Dent in black and white, and Hon. Lionel Guest.

After the opening Mrs. Power received in the Speaker's rooms, which were decorated in white azaleas, the tea table done in pink ribbons and tulips. Mme. Brodeur did not receive.

THE STATE DINNER AND RECEPTION.

The usual state dinner was held in the evening, and the wives and daughters of the guests invited to the reception afterwards. The drawing rooms were most artistically decked with a profusion of hyacinths, Chinese lilies, roses, jonquils and violets, and, of course, palms. Lady Minto received at the entrance. In the drawing room, and after the dinner the ladies were joined by the gentlemen. They were, however, a little later in getting in than usual, and consequently the reception was more prolonged. Refreshments were served in the dining room, from a table done in roses and jonquils, and music was provided by the Guard's band. Her Excellency wore a gown of pale gray crepe, appliqued in cream, and carried a bouquet of red roses. The Countess Grey was in black with sequined net and a spangled scarf. Lady Sybil was in white silk and silver. Mrs. Maude in white crepe. Lady Adelaide Taylour in cream lace over green silk. Mrs. Dana Gibson in an elegant close fitting gown of white satin. Mrs. Dent in gray satin, and Miss Dent in gray satin, and Miss Dent in white mousseline de soie.

Many of the guests wore the same gowns of the afternoon, but Lady Laurier was in pale pink and green brocade trimmed with lace and silver. Mrs. Mulock in black lace and white insertion over silk. Mrs. Peter White in black velvet and boniton with pink roses. Mrs. Borden in black satin, with white lace bolero. Lady Cartwright in gray and white. Miss Borden in black, and Miss Burbridge in blue silk.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier was there, and Sir Louis Davies in his suit as a privy councillor, and all the officers were in uniform, and their bright tunics mingling with the dress suit of the other gentlemen, and the brilliant garb of the ladies, made the scene most picturesque and magnificent.

Putting food into a diseased stomach is like putting money into a pocket with holes. The money is lost. All its value goes for nothing. When the stomach is diseased, with the allied organs of digestion and nutrition, the food which is put into it is largely lost. The nutriment is not extracted from it. The body is weak and the blood impoverished.

The pocket can be mended. The stomach can be cured. That sterling medicine for the stomach and blood, Doctor Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery, acts with peculiar promptness and power on the organs of digestion and nutrition. It is a positive cure for almost all disorders of these organs, and cures also such diseases of the heart, blood, liver and other organs, as have their cause in a weak or diseased condition of the stomach.

That wedding down in Washington was queer, the papers say: The fair bride's heart was full of Payne, The groom wrapped up in Hay.

—New York News.

BURDOCK BLOOD BITTERS is the best known remedy for Dyspepsia, constipation and biliousness, and will cure all blood-diseases from a common pimple to the worst rofulous sore.

A DESPERATE FIGHT.

One of the Most Exciting Incidents of the Campaign Was at Heilbron.

RUSHING THE BRITISH LINES.

Magnificent, But Futile Efforts of the Boers to Break Through Kitchener's Cordon.

London, Feb. 15.—The detailed accounts which have just reached here of Lord Kitchener's combined movement to drive out the Boers from the enclosure of block-house lines shows that the conflict was very picturesque, and that it was the most exciting incident of the whole campaign. Although apparently surrounded by an impenetrable ring of fire and steel, the Boers' dauntless bravery and dashing charges ultimately resulted in the majority's escape from the meshes of Lord Kitchener's close-drawn net. The British commander's scheme was the most extensive ever carried out during the present war. It consisted of a continuous line more than fifty miles in length. Lord Kitchener, who personally directed the operations, was in close touch, day and night, with every detail of the movements. The Boers, though hard pressed, shrank from attempting to cross the railroad, where armoured trains, equipped with powerful searchlights, patrolled the line throughout the night. The train lights were supplemented by stationary searchlights.

BATTLE OF HEILBRON.

The battle of Heilbron, Orange River Colony, raged from nine o'clock on Friday night until two o'clock on Saturday morning. Throughout the five hours, a fearful ring of fire, from rifles, cannon and pompos, swept along the British lines from Louwspruit to Heilbron southwest, away to Lindley and Kroonstad, in holding De Wet's Boers, who made repeated attempts to break out of the circle of troops. From behind rocks and dongas, the Boers kept up a vigorous fusillade. Simultaneously, others charged, but again and again were the Boers repulsed, leaving dead, wounded and prisoners in the hands of the British.

THE BOERS DESPERATE.

At the outset of the preparations, the Boers realized that the operations were not merely an ordinary "drive," but a movement threatening them with total annihilation; and General De Wet assembled his whole force and discussed the situation with the commanders, with the result that the Boers were split up into three commandoes. On Thursday night, five hundred Boers, headed by Van Collers, rushed a force of the Imperial Light House. About one hundred Boers got through. The remainder, encountering a tremendous fire, were turned back.

Friday night's conflict ebbed and swelled over an area of forty to fifty miles, in which the long-hunted, harassed and desperate men endeavoured to find outlets. The Boers, at one spot, got within thirty yards of the British firing line; but the barbed wire balked the burghers and forced them to retreat.

ESCAPE AMID THE CATTLE.

Aided by the electric searchlights, the British harrowed the surrounding territory with shrapnel shells and maxim bullets. In the northern section, the Boers made a desperate effort to break through. Collecting a number of cattle, the Boers drove them down on the British lines. Bending low in their saddles, the Boers rode among the cattle, making it impossible to distinguish them in the darkness. The British pickets opened a terrible fire, and the Boers were everywhere met with a relentless hail of bullets.

A long line of flames, crackling like burning wood, ran up and down the firing line nearly thirty miles in length, as the armoured trains flashed their searchlights over miles of country. The reports of the quick-firing guns along the entrenched line and the booming of the field guns and pom poms, sounded very deep amid the sharp crackling of the musketry, while Heilbron fort contributed to the universal din with the deep roar of its naval guns.

This lasted for some twenty minutes,

when gradually the battle died down, until only one crack of a single shot was heard. Then all was again quiet.

The Boers' attempt to break the British circle had failed. A few of them succeeded in crossing the line, and among them was General De Wet.

PICKING THE NOSE is a common symptom of worms. Mothers who suspect their child is troubled with worms should administer Dr. Low's Worm Syrup. It is pleasant, safe and effectual.

The Egyptian postal administration has advised foreign Governments that post offices for the receipt and despatch of registered mails have been established at Kartoum, Fashoda and twenty five other places in the Soudan. Postmasters throughout the world have been instructed to be prepared to receive and register mails to and from these places.

Why Catarrh is Fatal.

Because it pours a flood of poisons into the circulation that saps strength and digestion so materially as to render the body incapable of resisting disease, and consumption is the result. Catarrh is quickly cured by Catarrhazone, a fragrant germ destroying vapor that goes to the root of the disease. It soothes and heals the inflamed mucous surfaces, clears the head and throat, and positively never fails to perfectly cure Bronchitis, Asthma, or Catarrh. Nothing is so good for diseases of the respiratory organs as Catarrhazone. Large outfit \$1. Small size 25c. Druggists or by mail from Polson & Co. Kingston, Ont.

In Switzerland the President had to resign because he accepted the decoration of the Grand Legion of Honor from President Loubet, of France. The Swiss National Council are opposed on principle to what democratic countries and democratic orators are pleased to call "tin-pot titles."

GOOD HEALTH is impossible without regular action of the bowels. Laxa-Liver Pills regulate the bowels, cure constipation, dyspepsia, biliousness and sick headache.

In the Federal District Court at Austin, Texas, Mrs. Libbie Barnhill, of Wildersville, Tenn., got \$10,000 damages against L. T. Morgan of La Grange, Tex., for the alleged killing of her husband by the defendant. The two men were in partnership in business. The widow of Barnhill sued for \$20,000 damages. Each of her children gets \$5,000 damages, making \$20,000 in all.

Great Difference in Corn Cures.

Many are destructive to the flesh and dangerous to use, but the old reliable Putnam's Corn Extractor removes Corns, Warts and Bunions, without pain in 24 hours. No pain, no failure. "Putnam's" cures.

McKeesport, Pa., has a Carnegie Library, built at a cost of \$50,000. The only defect about the institution is that it does not contain a single book. The city has no money for books, and Mr. Carnegie thinks he has done his share in providing the building. It is a wonder nobody thought about books in connection with such an enterprise as founding a public library.

THE SIGNS CHANGE

Pale face, disordered digestion, these are the signs of thin blood. School girls are the most frequent sufferers from thin blood.

Scott's Emulsion is just what they need. It is blood food.

You can easily tell whether Scott's Emulsion is doing the girl good. The signs begin to change. Pale face gets some good color; appetite improves; mind brightens; temper becomes happy; digestion strong; habits regular.

Scott's Emulsion can do all these things for your pale-faced girl if you will give it a fair chance. The disease sometimes takes weeks to cure. But regular doses of Scott's Emulsion give steady improvement.

We'll send you a little to try, if you like. SCOTT & BOWNE, Chemists, Toronto.

HUSBAND'S SECOND WIFE.

Mrs. Dowling, While Dying, Tells Husband to Wed First Love.

New York, Feb. 10.—"If anything happens to me, ask her to be a mother to our children. I have freely forgiven her."

Again Dowling met his early love. He never breathed that he had a wife, and once again the old flame was burning. Two years passed, and suddenly Dowling awoke to a realizing sense of what he was doing. He told all to his wife and to Miss Morrison.

There was an affecting meeting between the two women. Miss Morrison said she would never see Dowling again, and the wife sent a message to her husband, who had gone to Savannah in his despair. He came home.

Never once in all the years that followed did the wife reproach him. Finally, when she realized that she might die, she commended Miss Morrison to her husband for a second wife. She died, leaving a baby a few days old.

Timidly Dowling sought out the love of bygone days. The family had moved twelve years before. At length he got trace of an aunt, and finally found the object of his desire. She wrote back in reply to his letter:

"I had long ago forgiven you. I am glad that time has made you a better man."

Just before she died, a year ago, Mrs. John W. Dowling thus chose the woman who was to be her successor—her husband's first love. And yesterday Dowling obeyed his wife's injunction and married her. She will now care as a mother for the five little Dowlings.

Twenty years ago John W. Dowling fell in love with pretty Mary Morrison. He was manager for a big estate. She was just eighteen and he turned twenty. The parents objected, and Dowling quit New York and went to Goshen, N. Y. There, in 1883, he married Miss Anna Paisley.

They met that evening and talked over old times, after a separation of sixteen years, and a few weeks ago their engagement was announced.

Gas on the Stomach.

result of imperfect digestion pressing up against the heart, it excites alarming symptoms. Instant relief is afforded by taking half an hour after the meal, ten drops of Polson's Nerviline in a little sweetened water. Nerviline aids digestion, expels the gas and imparts a sense of comfort. Nerviline is good for lots of other things, and wise people keep a 25c. bottle in the house for rheumatism, cramps, neuralgia, toothache, &c. Try it.

The fact that in the recent elections in the Philippine Islands, in some districts, there were more votes cast than there were voters' names on the list, shows that at last the untutored savage is acquiring the ways of civilization.

The World Needs Nerve.

Needs it in business, in the study, in the household. Irritability, weakness, lack of strength—the blue feeling—why they just tell you that you lack nerve. You'll use Ferrozone? My! What an appetite you'll get. How quickly the color will return to your cheeks, how buoyant you will feel! Work! of course you'll work, for you will enjoy it. That is, if you will use Ferrozone. It gives nerve strength, muscular endurance and invigorates the brain splendidly. Sold by C. A. Burchill, price 50c.

The shooting accident which occurred recently on the estate of the Comte de Pas, near Arras, was most sensational. The Comte organized a wild boar shoot, with beaters. One of the party shot at a boar, distant ten metres. The bullet traversed the boar's head, entered a thicket behind and struck the Comte's young wife in the breast, she being fifty yards off. The Countess, who was only thirty-four years old, expired soon after.

Fur Caps and Collars.

Lacy & Co. are in receipt of a case of men's fur caps and collars. They came direct from one of the best manufacturers in Canada. They simply wish to remind those in need of a good fur cap or collar that it will be worth their while to examine these goods before completing their purchases. They also wish to say to those that purchased snits of clothes, overcoats, &c., that another case of watches have arrived and are now ready for those who are entitled to them.—d.

Better a dinner of herbs

With a cup of UNION BLEND TEA

Than a stalled Ox with any other brand That ever crossed the sea.