

IMPERIAL PARLIAMENT.
HOUSE OF LORDS.

LONDON, Sept. 7.—The House of Lords was crowded this evening with people eager to hear Earl Rosebery, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, speak on the Home Rule Bill.

The first speaker was the Earl of Selborne, Liberal Unionist, who made a bitter attack upon the bill.

Experiment had been used to support the Home Rule, were exactly the sort that had been applied against every great reform of the century. The same arguments had been used against the Emancipation Bill, the first reform bill, and the bill for the repeal of the corn laws. It was said, "You cannot tell what the present bill ought to be carefully considered, because it was legislation not for to-day but for an uncertain to-morrow. The House of Commons is not a dissection room, and it is impudent to reject the Home Rule Bill, could be called a dissecting room so justly as it could be called a chamber of death. The House of Commons is a chamber of life. There was no equal division of the parties in the House of Lords. It was only one party, only with a slight opposition. How was it decided? It was certain that if the Unionists had frankly ac-

repeated the principle of a Local Legislature for Ireland, and had offered in good faith to proceed on that line with the view of applying the principle in a manner consistent with the safety and integrity of the Empire, the House would have held out both hands to welcome the Government proposals. The House of Commons had lingered on the Home Rule Bill with solicitude. The House of Lords gave the bill short shrift. This summary disposal of a great measure entailed upon the House of Lords a tremendous responsibility. There were 113 Irish Peers sitting in the House of Lords, and he wanted to know, for it was an important factor in fighting five-sixths of the popular representatives of Ireland, how many of

the peers, in any sense whatever, represented the House of Lords. The Duke of Devonshire and Mr. C. B. Lubbock, who had been the first to suggest the "peerage class" (Shouts of "hear, hear!") in 1886, were the only two of the original 18 Devonshire and Mr. C. B. Lubbock had said that House Rule was mainly a question of the House of Commons, and they had definitely laid down that the House of Commons was to be consulted before any amendment was prepared to grant. Were they of the same opinion now? If so, the Duke of Devonshire was not only clearly right in moving the rejection of the present bill, he might have allowed the second reading to pass *sub silentio* and then got the bill in Committee. He would have been able to amend, returned it to the House of Commons, where though the amendments might be strongly resisted, a subsequent conference with the House of Lords would have been an agreement. Even if this course could have had no fruitful result, it was a clear and a useful precedent for the House of Lords to take. He was sure that the House of Commons would be glad to follow the lead.

Rule. He proposed it simply as the best of the three courses open to the Opposition to adopt: modified Home Rule, continue the policy of coercion, or disfranchise Ireland.

In concluding Lord Rosebery said that the present bill was undoubtedly an experiment, but most legislation was experimental and Irish legislation was necessarily so. It was a large and generous experiment. It was a leap toward the reconciliation of two nations too long divided. It was a stride towards the adjustment of local business, enabling the British people to support the vast and varied burdens of the Empire.

Lord Rosebery was heartily cheered at the close of his speech.

SPORTING NEWS.

LACROSSE.

THE VICTORIA'S TOUR.

The *Victoria Evening Times*, speaking of the eastern tour of the British Columbia champions, says: It is certain that the Victoria lacrosse team will make a trip east. There are two of them, W. Cullin and W. Clarke, who cannot go, but their places, it is expected, will be filled by Spain and Cheyne, Vancouver's two best players. With these two the team would be a very strong one and well able to hold its own with the crack teams of the east. Telegrams have

been sent to all the principal teams in the Dominion arranging for matches. Montreal, Cornwall and Calgary have already answered, stating that they will give the Victoria team the net gate receipts. Prominent citizens of Winnipeg are arranging to have the team play a game there, and answers are expected from Toronto, the Capitals of Ottawa, Orillia, St. Catharines and other places. No difficulty is expected in arranging for at least three or four games a week. This team will also play a game in Chicago.

The tour would be one of the very best advertisements the city could have, and a number of public-spirited gentlemen of the city recognize this and have started subscription lists to help to defray the expenses of the

trip. They have headed the lists themselves and are asking other citizens to follow their example. Besides this, it will be the means of keeping the team together and giving them an opportunity to obtain new points for the season. The matches will be with the strongest teams that Nanaimo, New Westminster and Vancouver are sure to have next season. The team will go to Vancouver on the excursion next Saturday morning, play in that city in the afternoon and start for the coast on Sunday. That they will give a good account of themselves goes without saying.

YACHTING.

LONDON, Sept. 7.—The race for the International Gold Cup took place off the Isle of Wight to-day. The "B'jannius" was best.

Which Birth Stone is Yours?

(From Notes and Queries.)

The stone associated with the first month of the year is the garnet, which means constancy.

February claims the purple amethyst, which is said to bring the virtue of contentment.

March claims the bloodstone which means courage.

Those who are born in April must wear a changeable, dazzling diamond, the meaning of which is innocence.

May is represented by the emerald, which is supposed to bring success in love to those who wear it by right of their birth month.

June has for her children the pearl, the

Those who are born in July must wear a ruby, which brings to its children nobility of mind.

August claims the moonstone, which is said to bring conjugal felicity.

To those who are born in September the sapphire brings success and prevents evil.

The opal, supposed by many to be unlucky, belongs to October, and to those who are born in that month it is said to bring happiness and hope.

November is represented by the topaz, which means that those who wear it rightfully by reason of their birth may claim fidelity in friendship.

To those born in December the turquoise is

aid to bring a prosperous life.

A Victim of Good Form.

"Hicks is crazy about etiquette. He saw in the paper the other day that in the best circles the wise ladies cut out the soup, and he has consequently given up soup."

"Why?"

"He has no wife."

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