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At the Hendon Airdrome Sir Edward Kemp received from Lord Londonderry, representing the air ministry, fifteen airplanes, subscribed by Canadian and overseas British residents through the Overseas Club. Seven of these were presented by friends of the club living in Canada. The club during the war has given the Government a total of 172

Sir Edward Kemp, in accepting the machines, assured the donors that Canada could be depended upon to develop the air service, both commercially and in a military sense, to as great an extent as any other part of the Empire. He mentioned that the Imperial Air Service had received over 8,000 officers from Canada, 1.200 being selected from the Canadian forces, 4,280 recruited directly in Canada, and 3,000 privates transferred from the Canadian to the Imperial Air Force.

The speech making was occasionoverhead doing exhibition stunts. Several officers of the two Canadian squadro s now awaiting despatch to Canada as complete units flew from Oxford to Hendon for the ceremony.

To the creditable list of occupaions in which the war showed women to be efficient and faithful, may be added that of serving as observers in lookout posts on the peaks of western mountains and hills. From these lonely points of vantage watch is constantly kept for forest fires in the region roundabout. Because of the scarcity of available men during largely by women and girls, many of he latter being of High School age, who were glad of an opportunity to spend a summer vacation in the open. Usually the girls "manned" the posts in pairs, but in one instance a lone girl and her faithful dog were on duty. Whenever smoke was seen rising among the trees it was the task of the watcher to calculate the location of the fire by means of special apparatus provided for the purpose. and then communicate at once by telephone to the forest-rangers, who would hurry out prepared to fight the

Reaches Front Benches.

Sir Hamar Greenwood, an expatriated Canadian, has been a member of the British House of Commons for 12 years, and by his assiduity and ability has won the Under-Secretaryship that now comes to him. As a progressively successful lawyer he should find congenial work at the Home Office, and men of all parties will welcome him to the front bench in the House of Commons.

Bird Life.

To conserve bird life for economic as well as sentimental reasons. the Canadian Government is offering prizes to school children for birdhouses and photographs of birds in their habitat.

Lord Tirkenheat Became

Keeper of the Grant Sea. Some Historic An cuotes

IR F. E. SMITH, the new Lord Chancellor of Great Britain and Ireland, is going to take the title of Lord Birkenhoud. It is an excellent title, but his visit to Paris the other day raised many questionings among the anxious. The Lord Chancellor is the guardian of the Great Seal, the official sign of all writs, charters, and grants from the crown. In the old days the Great Scal was known as "The Key of the Kingdom." The Lord Chancellor is also the Lord Keeper of the Great ally drowned by the noise of planes | Seal. In the unwritten constitutional usage of Great Britain there are two stars that never set. The Great Seal, symbol of sovereignty, cannot make a legal exit from the kingdom. And when the Lord Chancellor, Lord Keeper of the Great Seal, leaves the king om a commission must be appointed to it be charge of it and see that it and the Commonwealth take no detriment. Cardinal Wolsey carried the Great Seal as far away as Calais, but Calais was then British. Lord Haldane was over in the United States six or seven years ago. It is said that these were the only two Chancellors to deport the Great Seal. he war, this work was performed | In Lord Haldane's case, however, the guardianship of the sacred emblem was properly assured by the appoint-



ment of Commissioners, of whom

politician," somebody sald, was one. Lord Haldane was gone for only two weeks, but the Constitution had to be defended.

The London Times recalls the story of Lord Brougham's troubles with the Great Seal in William IV's time. In 1834 he wanted to take a trip on the Rhine, but he found that if he did he would have to put the Great Seal in commission, which would cost him the tidy sum of \$7,000. Being of a frugal mind, he and the Great Seal went to Scotland. At some country house the ladies amused themselves by taking the Great Seal from Brougham's bedroom azd hiding it. When he recovered the precious object from a tea chest in the drawing room, he allowed the ladies to make pancakes with it by pouring the ingredients between the disks, but he never again became the Lord Keeper of the Great Seal." Served him right! In George III's time the Great Seal was stelen from Lord Thurlow's house in 1784. The day before, Pitt had made up his mind to appeal to the country. A proclamation to dissolve Parliament has to bear the Great Seal, so the Whigs were accused of "burglary." Lord Eldon, the snuffiest and most pig-headed of Lord Chancellors, never went to bed without satisfying himself that the Great Seal was still in his norses for. In 1312 his house can saved the Great Seel. in fact, "he rushed into the gar'n with the Great Seel in his arms and buried it in a flowerbed."

In these more practical and less ceremonious times the custody of the symbol of you relievy may be less important. Still. I F E Smith les stirred quite n to past in the antiquarian teapot.

from piping with a force that sen's it to a height that may be up to 600 fact or more. The latter form of well gors under the name of spouter. Obviously, when a well spouts, much oil would be waster if the flow comes into play. A workman, clad in an oil and gas-proof dress that resembles that of a diver and is fitted with the usual long air tube, approaches the well from which the oil is gushing and fixes a cap with a "gate valve" to the pipe, thus arresting the flow. Then a branch connection pipe is fitted for the conveyance of the oil to the reservoirs. The gas given off by spouters causes all silver within

Silent Joffre,

Frenchmen, as a rule, are loquacious and unrestrained, but Marshal Joffre is neither. Brevity and composure are among his most marked characteristics, and, shortly after his victory on the Marne, he gave an example to a party of war correspondents whom he had agreed to receive at his headquarters. They eagerly anticipated his speech. It contained sixty-five words.

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