

PARLIAMENT RE-ASSEMBLES

Parliament re-assembles after the recess and ministers and other members go back into harness after some changes. Sir Thomas Inskip has gone from Defence Minister to Dominions Secretary. ~~There were lots of police about,~~ but it might be called the Parliament of Peace, for a fear of war had been withdrawn. But there were demonstrations by students outside and the police had to do a bit of persuading. Some enthusiasts even painted the doorstep of No. 10 Downing Street, which meant that Mr and Mrs Chamberlain had to walk on a carpet for the drive to the House of Commons. Our new Defence Minister is Admiral of the Fleet Lord Chatfield, ~~formerly First Sea Lord~~ --- and this is considered to be a wise appointment. And a farming man for the Ministry of Agriculture is Sir Reginald Dorman Smith, ~~popular.~~

The new Minister ~~of Agriculture~~ is young and vigorous. A delegation of farmers which had come up to London in protest against the Government's policy on Agriculture, became enthusiastic instead.

We have called it the Parliament of Peace and we hope it may be so. ~~While we have the minister in charge of our defence, let us also hope that the peaceful arts of agriculture may receive encouragement.~~ Let us hope that our swords may really be beaten into ploughshares --- serving the ^{best} interests of the human race, ~~instead of devising means to destroy it.~~

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