

Britain's Electricity Commissioner

Retires from Office

THE success of the great forward movement in the cause of electricity that has been so effective throughout Great Britain owes much to the energies and personality of Sir Harry Howard, who retired from actual office as Electricity Commissioner at the end of last March, on completion of his extended term of office.

With the approval of the Minister of Transport, wise arrangements have been made to retain Sir Harry Howard's service in a consultative capacity. Sir Harry, who is now 67 years of age, was one of the original five electricity commissioners appointed in 1920 under the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1919.

Prior to that appointment he held the office of Comptroller of the London County Council for 26 years, during which time he was actively engaged in the investigations of various aspects of the finances of the public utility undertakings of London, including those relating to electricity supply and financial problems connected with the supply of electricity in the London area. He received the honour of Knighthood in 1917.

"Oh, no, I'm not thin-skinned. I am the first to laugh at my own foolishness."

"What a merry life you must lead."

Wit and Humour

"The Improved Style."

"Change here!" cried a new porter at Auckland suburban railway station as a train came in. "Changeer for Franktonemzeraramo."

The stationmaster standing near reproved him. "Haven't I told yur before," he said, "to sing out the names of the stations clearly and distinctly? Bear it in mind; sing them out, d'ye hear?"

"I will, sor," replied the Irish porter. And the passengers who arrived in the next train were considerably astonished to hear the new official singing:

"Sweet dreamland faces,
Passing to and fro,
Change here for Frankton,
Thames and Aramoho!"

Badly Bent.

A man had just visited the zoo for his first time. Upon seeing a camel he exclaimed: "My, but that horse is warped."

Should Ask for Carrier Pigeon.

It was a cold February morning and the sheriff had gone to the cell of Mose Jackson, who was to be hung the next day.

"For your last meal you can have anything you want and as much of it as you want," said the sheriff. "What would you like, Mose?"

"Ah believe Ad'd lak a nice watermelon," replied Mose.

"But watermelons won't be ripe for six months yet," said the sheriff.

"Ah kin wait, boss, Ah kin wait," replied Mose eagerly.

Life's Little Peculiarities.

Call a woman a chick and she smiles; call her a hen and she howls. Call a young woman a witch and she is pleased; call an old woman a witch and she is indignant. Call a girl a kitten and she likes it; call a woman a cat and she hates you. Women are queer.

Call a man a gay dog and you flatter him; call him a pup, a hound or a cur, and he tries to alter the map of your face. He won't mind being called a bull or a bear, but he resents being called a calf or a cub. Men are queer.

Coming.

They had just become engaged. "I shall love," she cooed, "to share all your griefs and troubles."

"But, darling," he purred, "I have none."

"No," she agreed, "but I mean when we are married."

Informed.

Why, it's a wonder the old soul can masticate 'er food at all. She's only got one tooth at the top an' one at the bottom—both in front, too."

"Dear me, Mrs. Tripp, sort of central 'eating, then."

N.Z. Ores Grow Bright

IN the modern electric bulb, the metal filament is made of tungsten. The principal ore for tungsten is scheelite, which is mined in New Zealand at Glenorchy, Paradise, Macrae's, Stoneburn, Hyde and Barewood, Otago; and at Wakamarina Valley, Marlborough. As the ore produced in New Zealand is of high quality, more and more is demanded by electric bulb manufacturers.

During the war period the Empire's supply was commandeered, and after that period the price slumped considerably. Up to December 31, 1928, ore valued at £306,272 was exported. Now, the price has hardened, and we believe that Phillips Lamps, who are now manufacturing in England, preferably buy tungsten from New Zealand produced ores, because of the high quality of the scheelite ore exported.

Adding to it.

Judge: I notice that in addition to stealing this money you took a quantity of valuable jewellery.

Prisoner: Yes, sir, I was always taught that money alone does not bring happiness.

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