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**TUESDAY, AUGUST 24, 1909.**

*Downing Street,  
August 24, 1909.*

The KING has been pleased to appoint the Right Honourable Lord Balfour of Burleigh, P.C., K.T., the Honourable William Stevens Fielding (Minister of Finance of the Dominion of Canada), the Honourable William Paterson (Minister of Customs of the said Dominion), Sir John Poynder Dickson-Poynder, Bart., D.S.O., M.P., and Sir Daniel Morris, K.C.M.G., to be Commissioners to enquire into the question of trade relations between the Dominion of Canada and the West Indian Colonies.

His Majesty has also been pleased to appoint Hubert Russell Cowell, Esq., B.A., to be Secretary to the aforesaid Commission.

*Whitehall, August 23, 1909.*

His Majesty has been graciously pleased to award the Edward Medal of the First Class to Mr. John Jones.

On January the 14th, 1909, gas was found at the bottom of the Witwatersrand Gold Mine, Johannesburg. A native workman was overcome by the fumes and two men, named Owen and Griffiths, descended the mine to assist him. With the help of Jones, who followed, the native was drawn up; but Owen, overcome by the gas, fell to the bottom of the winze. Griffiths also was overcome, and Jones became unconscious on reaching the surface. Others went down, and

one of them was unable to return. As soon as Jones regained consciousness, he insisted on again descending the mine, and succeeded in bringing up two of the men. He then descended the mine a third time and brought the last man, Griffiths, to the surface. Unfortunately Griffiths, Owen, and the native workman who first went down succumbed to the effects of the gas.

*Foreign Office,  
June 14, 1909.*

The KING has been graciously pleased to appoint—

Harold Thomas Beresford-Hope, Esq., to be a Third Secretary in His Majesty's Diplomatic Service.

*Foreign Office,  
July 31, 1909.*

The KING has been graciously pleased to appoint—

William McDouall, Esq., to be His Majesty's Consul for the Provinces of Kermanshah, Malair, Hamadan and Kurdistan, to reside at Kermanshah; and

Captain Lionel Berkeley Holt Haworth to be His Majesty's Consul for Arabistan, to reside at Mohammerah.