BIRTHDAY HONOURS.

Sir Douglas Mawson.

Federal Ministerial Distinctions.

LONDON, June 21.
The postponed honours list in connection with the birthday of His Majesty the King has now been announced. It includes four new peers, four Privy Councillors, eight baronets and 28 knighthoods. Among those who are recipients of honours are Field Viscount Kitchener, who has been created an earl.

The Lord Mayor of London (Sir T. Vansittart Bowater) has been raised to a barony.

Mr. Alfred, Speaker of the House of Commons, has been made Knight Commander of the Bath.

DISTINCTIONS FOR ROYALTY.

Her Majesty the Queen has been gazetted (in Whitehall Park, London, S.W. 1) as Honorary Colonel-in-Chief of the 19th (Queen Alexandra's Own Royal) Hussars; and also as Honorary Colonel-in-Chief of the 6th (The Royal Hussars) Dragoon Guards, and the Duchess of Argyll, Colonel-in-Chief of the Queen's Own Royal Highlanders.

OFFICIAL NOTIFICATION.

His Excellency the Governor of New South Wales, Sir Henry Galway, has been officially notified of the despatch of the following letter by the King upon Sir Day Boasquet and Dr. Barlow.

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The new peer, Mr. Justice Joyce (Master of the Rolls and Vice-Chancellor of the University of Oxford), has been created a Baronet of the Holywood, County Down, in the Peerage of Ireland.

The Hon. Joseph Cook (Prime Minister of Australia) has been created a Knight Commander of the Bath (in the Order of St. Michael and St. George), and the Duke of Argyll, Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, has been created a Knight Commander of the Order of the British Empire for services rendered in the South African War.

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