

DUCKS START LIFE HIGH UP.

Canada House has big news to report to the government at Ottawa. Quins have been born there. The first quins, also Canadian, were all girls. The present lot are all ducks. A mallard from St. James's Park nested in a flower box on the roof, sat there for a month, fed by the liftmen and a park keeper, and hatched out a family of five. Mother and babies were put into a box, ~~carried across Trafalgar Square~~, and on the Horseguards' Parade given the freedom of London. Mother promptly led the family towards the lake-in-the-Park where they would have been born, if she hadn't taken it into her head to prefer high-life on the rooftops.

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One of the youngsters was too weak to walk, ~~and had to be carried~~. The rest all made the grade and when they got to the Park father must have had the surprise of his life.

It's one thing for a wife to go galivanting in ~~Trafalgar~~ ^{to West End,}

~~Square~~ / quite another when she comes back with a large

family. ~~In the long history of the Park~~ ^{anyhow} they're probably

the only ducks born ~~so high up~~ ^{in such circumstances} that Nelson had to turn

his blind eye.