

NEWS IN BRIEF.

(a) Picture:- Flood-lighting makes its re-appearance

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in London. Hasn't been seen

since the hectic nights of Jubilee Week. The National Gallery

brightens up a whole lot, and Trafalgar Square fountains reflect its imposing facade.

More lights flood the

Horse Guards Parade. The reason for this display is that

there is a conference

of Public Lighting Engineers. Big Ben gets

all lit up, but it's in the good company of St. Paul's,

and the imposing Westminster County Hall. And speaking of

(b). County Halls, York celebrates the passing of

the Municipal Corporation's

act. Forty mace

bearers, attired in their

best bibs and tuckers

accompany the Lord Mayors and Mayors of the Ridings.

Two women mayors are included in the procession of civic dignitaries which winds

its impressive way to York Minster, where a special

service has been arranged. There are thirty

thousand pounds worth of precious metal insignia hanging

round the necks of those who enter the Cathedral; the Lord Mayor of York being

a prominent figure. For this centenary celebration of local government, this is the largest provincial gathering of its kind ever held.