

**CHARLOTTETOWN GUARDIAN**

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**THE AUDITOR GENERAL.**

The long controversy between the Laurier Government and the Auditor General came to a crisis during the late session of Parliament and was followed by the resignation or rather the application for superannation of that high official. His resignation was not acted upon, and when the House was dissolved Mr. McDougall withdrew his application and is still discharging the duties of his office. But the relations between him and the Government are still strained.

Mr. McDougall was a Liberal member of Parliament in the days of the Mackenzie Government when the Audit Act was created and he was appointed Auditor General under conditions that made him independent of party and only removable from office by a joint vote of both Houses of Parliament. Strange to say he has had more trouble with the party that appointed him than with the Conservative party and more of his rulings have been overruled by the Treasury Board under the present Administration than ever before. All the while the testimony of the best Liberal press of the country has been given to his ability and integrity. It is true that Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Mr. Fitzpatrick have characterized him as a tyrant and a Czar, but that was in a moment of petulance and has not greatly affected his standing in the country.

Mr. McDougall in a letter to the Toronto Globe some two weeks ago, said he was glad that the matters at issue would be submitted to the country. It is true that the country is about to have the opportunity to speak upon this as upon many other matters, but the relations of the Government with the Auditor General have received very scant attention during the campaign. Ministers address public assemblies about the country but do not think it worth their while to refer to this subject. It is none the less a most vital and important one. In these days of unprecedented expenditure it is all important that we shall have an Auditor General who will not be the mere tool of any Government. The situation has now become the more urgent by Mr. McDougall addressing an open letter to the people of Canada.

It appears that Hon. Mr. Blair's resignation as Chairman of the Railway Commission was only accepted so late as the 30th instant. Until he received official notice of its acceptance he was practically precluded from taking any part in the political campaign even he desired to do so.

Says The Canadian Magazine: "The real question before the electors on November 3rd is not whether the Liberal party or the Conservative party shall be victorious, because that matters little. The chief decision is that concerning the character of the new members. If the electors vote wisely, the ballots will be marked for the best candidates—the men with the clearest records, with the strongest characters and the highest ideals. The country needs a set of members who think less of a possible Government contract or Government appointment than of the country's best interests. Candidates who are known to be drinkers, gamblers and impure in their private life should be discarded." To all of which The Guardian says Amen.

**A CRITICAL SITUATION.**

The reference of the North Sea outrage to arbitration by no means assures the maintenance of peace and the restoration of friendly relations between Britain and Russia. There is a strained and angry feeling existing on both sides. It is a humiliation to Russia to have her fleet held up by the ally of Japan while on the way to the East where it is so greatly needed. Undoubtedly Russia is wholly in the wrong and has brought this upon herself, but that is not the way these things are regarded in St. Petersburg.

We must also bear in mind, that when the evidence as regards the outrage comes before the Tribunal the Russian Admiral and officers will probably attest that the Baltic fleet was attacked by torpedo boats and that their action was simply a defensive measure. It is even possible that the burden of testimony may be on that side and a decision rendered in accordance with the weight of evidence. Such a result would tend to further inflame the public mind in the United Kingdom. And even a contrary decision, holding Russia to be wholly in the wrong and multiplying in heavy damages might not tend to peace.

We regard the international situation as still critical. Present conditions are but one step removed from war, when a portion of the Russian fleet is held up and practically blockaded in a neutral port with British warships on guard outside. These are conditions which cannot long exist without actual war. Even with the best intentions on both sides, and with both the Russian and British Governments desirous of peace, there would be under such circumstances as now exist the gravest danger that something may occur that will explode the inflammable material that is so plentiful on every hand and precipitate another war.

An extraordinary statement was published in the Montreal Trade Bulletin of October 28 over the signature of L. K. Jones, Secretary to the Railway Department, Ottawa. Mr. Jones is made to say that the department is not aware of any authority being given for the free transportation of hay over the Intercolonial. There must be some strange mistake or misunderstanding somewhere in regard to this matter and it ought to be put right at once. Mr. Jones' letter is in direct contradiction to the statements before given out upon official authority. We doubt not that he is mistaken.

It is always a pleasure to listen to Hon. W. S. Fielding. He is full of information, clear in his statements and courteous to his opponents. Last evening he carried his audience with him in his discussion of the unprecedented progress of the country under Liberal rule, his own financial administration, the questions of debt, taxation, tariffs, deficits and surpluses. He scored the catch phrase "adequate protection" unmercifully, and his audience were with him. There was disappointment however, on the part of many who had hoped that, in dealing with the Transcontinental Railway, he would refer to the terminus at Portia and the duplication of the Intercolonial.

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