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THE GOVERNMENT AND MILITIA.

Lord Dundonald tells that the defences of Canada are not what they ought to be and would have an expenditure of ten or twelve millions made in reorganising, enlarging, arming and equipping our militia and in fortifications. It may be that this ought to be done and it may in the end appear that this large expense ought to be incurred. But responsible Ministers have to consider the views and wishes of the people. They have also to remember that America is not like Europe, one armed camp, that there are other public services to be provided for as well as the militia, and that the sum of all wisdom does not centre in one man however high his title or great his fame may be. And it is abundantly clear that in the matter of making liberal provision for the militia and national defence the present Government at Ottawa need fear no comparison with any that preceded it.

In the seven last years of Conservative rule the expenditure for militia and defence averaged about \$1,300,000 a year. In the like period under the present Government the ordinary expenditure has run at the rate of over two millions a year, besides a large expenditure on capital account for defence services, amounting to a total of \$3,402,171 since 1885. In spending an average of about \$2,500,000 yearly on militia and defence as against little more than half that sum in former years, there are many who think the Government has gone quite far enough if not too far. Upon that point there are differences of opinion, but the public accounts must relieve the Government of censure for niggardliness. In fact Lord Dundonald's strictures for neglecting to provide for the country's military needs must fall, not upon the present Administration but rather revert to a previous one which expended about half as much of public money for the same service.

When Hon. W. Pelletier at the Borden banquet in Montreal, after speaking for a time in French suddenly broke into English and exclaimed, "Yes, we are brothers, subjects of the same king and that king the greatest foreigner that ever lived!" he made a great hit. It was felicitous alike in an oratorical and in a political sense, and brought him a storm of applause.

If we are to believe the Russian reports that the Port Arthur fleet with the exception of the battleship Pallada have been repaired, and if a junction could be effected with the Vladivostok squadron, the Russian fleet would consist of five battleships, four armored cruisers and three second-class cruisers. Japan has five battleships and eight armored cruisers—a force not much greater than that of her enemy.

Can we get along with only a Canadian officer at the head of the Militia? And if not, why not? A Canadian militia officer, Col. Dennison, years ago wrote a book on cavalry tactics which was adopted as a text book by the Czar of Russia for the greatest standing army on earth. The Boers put up a pretty stiff fight under their own native leaders. Japan makes a fairly good record both on land and sea under home-grown commanders. Are not we Canadians the equals of Boers or Japs?

THE LIVER TO BLAME.

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THE AUDITOR GENERAL.

The application for superannuation by Mr. McDougall, Auditor General of Canada is a matter of no small importance. The office in its present status was created by the Mackenzie Government and Mr. McDougall was the first appointed under the new Act. Before that it had been complained that the Auditor General, being the creature of the Government and liable to dismissal, virtually sanctioned anything the Government might do. Mr. Mackenzie, therefore provided in the Act reconstituting the office that the Auditor General should be independent of the Government, and not removable from office except by a vote of both Houses of Parliament. He is thus as independent as a Judge on the Bench. Mr. McDougall has been a competent, hard-working and faithful public official, and yet he now feels himself forced to ask for retirement while a Liberal Government is in power. The Government and he have been in constant conflict over matters in which in most cases we think the Auditor General was in the right, although the Government has had its own way throughout.

The weak point in the system is that the Treasury Board, which is really a committee of the Government, has power to overrule the decisions of the Auditor General and has made no sparing use of this power. Mr. McDougall asked that the Act be amended, because he believes that the powers he possesses, thus subject to veto by the Treasury Board, are not sufficient to enable him to protect the public treasury, and to prevent illegal and improvident payments to contractors. In his latest report he stated that he felt so strongly on the matter that if the Audit Act were not amended at the present session he would ask to be superannuated. This step he has now taken. It is a rebuke to the Government. What less can it be when a public official, in whose ability and honesty the entire country has confidence, thus in effect declares that he has been called upon to fight the administration in his efforts to protect the country, and being overpowered, retires in protest? We may now look for vigorous denunciations of Mr. McDougall in the same party press which a few years ago lauded him to the skies as the embodiment of official integrity.

"Medicus," who writes rather feebly to The Examiner, makes a poor defence for the doctors in the percentage business. He says "pork buyers and oat buyers pay commissions to runners." Has it come to this that a doctor is content to be the paid "runner" for the drugstore? Such a medical runner might fitly take on the undertaking business as a side line, and levy a percentage on the coffins of his unfortunate patients. Why not?

GEORGETOWN AND VICINITY

Percy G. Strong of Bauld Bros., Halifax was in town yesterday.

John Walker, Richmond Street is having his dwelling nicely painted by O'Brien & Batchelder.

A despatch received here from Romane Labrador conveys the intelligence that the body of Capt. Henry Dicks has been found. Search for the body of Horatio will be made for a short time longer after which the vessel will sail for home. The accident occurred at a place called The Bluff about 9 miles south west of Romane.

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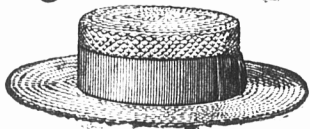
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