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## TREASURY WATCHDOG

Retirement of Canada's Auditor-General Announced.

Mr. Macdougall, who was appointed to the Non-Political Position in 1878, has had frequent collisions with the Government during the past year, and is unwilling to face risks involved in G.T.R. Deal.

Ottawa, June 22.—The coming retirement announced yesterday of J. Lorne Macdougall, from the office of Auditor-General, was not unexpected. It was the logical termination of the differences that have existed for a long time between the Auditor-General and the Government. The difficult over the Cornwall Canal lighting contract was only one of



AUDITOR-GENERAL J. LORNE MACDOUGALL.

many things that prompted Mr. Macdougall's resignation. He had frequent collisions with the Government during the past year, and it is no secret that Mr. Macdougall would have resigned when the Government undertook to take his authority down a little, if he could have obtained favorable superannuation. The Government declined to grant him those superannuation privileges which have been accorded many other officials, and Mr. Macdougall decided to work out the time necessary to secure the superannuation he desired independent of the powers which he had offended.

### G.T.P. Had Its Risks.

The chief cause of Mr. Macdougall's resignation was an unwillingness to face the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway contract. In connection with this work many millions of dollars will be spent under the direction of the Government. Mr. Macdougall realized that if he courageously discharged the duties of his office in regard to these gigantic expenditures he would be accused of blocking the enterprise and finally dismissed. If, on the other hand, he did not antagonize the Government he knew that scandals would follow the construction of the Transcontinental Railway and he would receive the blame. Rather than run the risk of retiring from office under a shadow J. Lorne Macdougall has resigned, and the country loses one of its most capable and faithful officials.

### Was Appointed in 1878.

In April 1878 the law relating to the office of Auditor-General was amended with the object of making the officer independent of political and departmental influence. In August, 1878, just before the general election, Mr. Macdougall was appointed by the Mackenzie Government to fill the office under the new Government.

### Préfontaine Will Enquire.

The angry passions of Henri Bourassa, M.P., are once more aflame. A British Consul somewhere down in the Argentine Republic applied the torch by requiring the captain of a Canadian ship to pull down his Canadian flag and hoist a British flag in place. He demanded an inquiry, and this Hon. Raymond Préfontaine assured him would be made without delay. If the facts were as reported, and if there was any remedy the Minister of Marine promised that it should be applied.

### Election Act Amendment.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier explained the nature of the proposed amendment to the Election Act in the House yesterday. He said the changes were of a very light character, being nothing more than a technical correction of the New Brunswick Representation Act, and the application of the act to the constituencies of Algoma, L'Ange, Yale and Cariboo, Saguenay and Chicoutimi and Gaspé, when voting takes place subsequent to the general elections. Some of these constituencies have been sub-divided by the redistribution, and it is therefore necessary to amend the election law to suit the new conditions.

"And is the amendment in regard to the Manitoba lists to be dropped?" asked E. F. Clarke. "It is not to be dropped, because it was not intended," replied the Prime Minister.

### Prorogation By July 12.

Another consideration that entered into the Cabinet's decision was the well known fact that the Opposition would obstruct the business of the House for two months if necessary rather than allow the legislation to pass.

The withdrawal of this portion of the amendment to the election law means, therefore, that Parliament will prorogue within thirty days, probably by July 12.

It also means, according to well-informed politicians, that there will be no elections this year.

### Right to Appeal.

The bill amending the Exchequer Court Act was read a third time. It was amended at Mr. Fitzpatrick's suggestion to give the Crown the right of appeal from Exchequer Court judgments to the Supreme Court in all cases.

The bill amending the Steamboat Inspection Act was amended the inspection of gasoline on the launches optional. The ins; may be required to make the ins; tion, but no compulsion is imposed on the owners.

In Committee of Supply on the item of \$7,000 for expenses of inquiry into the subject of a naval militia and school of navigation. Mr. Préfontaine stated definitely that the Government had adopted the principle of a naval militia for Canada.

The House rose shortly after midnight.

## FOR CRUELTY TO MOTHER.

Boy, Maddened By Her Screams, Seized a Shotgun and Shot His Father—A Northwest Farm Tragedy.

Winnipeg, June 22.—A special despatch from Saskatoon, N. W. T., says:

A man of the name of Stewart, living at Eagle Creek, thirty-seven miles from here, has been shot by his young son. A fatal dispute was the cause. The father in a fit of anger started beating his wife, and his son threatened to shoot him unless he desisted.

Stewart took no heed, and the boy, maddened by his mother's screams, grabbed his father's shot-gun from the rack on the wall and emptied the whole charge into him at the distance of a foot. Stewart died almost at once.

The neighbors brought word to the police, who have gone out to the scene of the tragedy for the purpose of arresting the boy.

An inquest will be held immediately on the arrival of the coroner.

## THE SLOCUM INQUEST.

An Inspector Jailed For Refusing to Answer Questions.

New York, June 22.—Evidence of a startling nature, which doubtless will have an important bearing on the ultimate result of the coroner's inquiry into the Gen. Slocum disaster was forthcoming at the inquest yesterday.

Perhaps the most unexpected incident was the continued refusal to answer questions of Henry Lundberg, a United States steamboat inspector, who was supposed to have inspected the life-preservers and the hull of the ill-fated steamer. His refusal was based on the ground that an answer might tend to incriminate him, and he acted on the advice of his counsel.

The coroner committed Lundberg to the House of Detention, but accepted \$500 bail for his appearance at the hearing to-day, which was satisfactory to the District Attorney.

A commission, consisting of Lawrence O. Murray, Assistant Secretary of Commerce and Labor; Major-General John W. Wilson, U. S. A., retired; Commander Cameron McR. Winslow, U.S.N.; Herbert Knox Smith, Deputy Commissioner of Corporations in the Department of Commerce and Labor, and George Uhler, Supervising Inspector-General of the steamboat inspection service, has been appointed by the United States Cabinet to investigate the disaster.

## Troops "Broke Even."

Victoria, B. C., June 22.—Shortly after daybreak Monday morning the militia regiments of Vancouver and Victoria, with the Royal Engineers and Royal Artillery, engaged in manoeuvres, which had for their object the capture of Esquimalt. The plans were worked out under the supervision of Col. English, R.A., Imperial officer in command of the regular troops. Two attempts were made by the attacking column. The first was declared by the umpires to be successful, and the last repulsed. The manoeuvres have been declared the most practical ever carried out.