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LORD DUNDONALD'S BREAK.

If the commander-in-chief of the Canadian militia made the speech at Montreal attributed to him, he will probably be packed back to England where he may learn on reflection that the time has passed in Canada when any employe of the government can with impunity publicly castigate a member of the government and retain his position.

Only one side of the story has yet been told, but it appears that Lord Dundonald is very wrathful because Hon. Sydney Fisher, minister of agriculture, drew his pen through the name of an officer who had been recommended for appointment to a new militia regiment being organized in the Eastern townships of Quebec, for the reason as Lord Dundonald alleges, that the officer was not politically friendly to the government, although there is as yet no evidence from any other source to support this declaration.

The commander-in-chief it appears took mortal offence at the minister's action, and at a military dinner in Montreal, Saturday evening, proceeded to demolish Mr. Fisher in a very vigorous manner, among other things observing:

"I care not, gentlemen, who the man is, if he advances one man or penalizes another on account of the political color of his party, I say that man, whosever that man may be, is not a friend of his country."

"Recently, gentlemen, a gross instance of political interference has occurred. I sent a list of officers of the 13th Light Dragoons to the Gazette. I was astonished to receive the list back with the name of one officer scratched out and in its initialled by the minister of agriculture, Hon. Sydney Fisher. That gentleman was a man I considered well equipped to serve the King in the 13th Scottish regiment, Dr. Pickie, mayor of Sweetsburg, chosen of the people one of the champions of Mississquoi. What better man to serve the King?"

"I feel certain that had Mr. Fisher's life led him to soldiery instead of to agriculture, he would feel annoyed, perhaps on personal grounds on the extraordinary lack of education involved in scratching the name of a gentleman put forward by a man whose business it is to find sufficient officers for the militia."

"But on personal grounds, gentlemen, I don't in the least mind, lack of etiquette affects me little. I have been two years in Ottawa, gentlemen it is not on personal grounds that I inform you of this, but is on national grounds."

"I feel, gentlemen, anxious, profoundly anxious, that the militia of Canada may be kept free from party politics."

If Lord Dundonald spoke the words attributed to him, and we have the authority of the Montreal Gazette, that one of its stenographers took down the words as above, he exhibited a degree of assurance, not to say impertinence that can scarcely be excused even in a major general, who has a brilliant war record, and he will doubtless be invited to speedily pack his grip and return to England.

If it is true that Hon. Sydney Fisher who specially represents the district from which the militia officer's appointment came, declined to be a party to Lord Dundonald's recommendation he doubtless had good and sufficient reasons for his action.

Mr. Fisher is one of the rulers of this country, not Lord Dundonald, who is as Senator Dandurand properly put it, an employe of the government, and the ministers commissioned by the people to manage their affairs, military as well as otherwise have the right to a say in all appointments, even though they may be recommended by a sprig of the nobility. It is a new doctrine in

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this country that militia officers may be selected by the commander-in-chief or his subordinates and forced into positions against the wishes of the responsible ministers of the crown.

Sir Frederick Borden has taken the matter of Lord Dundonald's observations into consideration and has asked the commander whether he in fact uttered the words attributed to him. The matter has also been discussed in the senate, and it is probable that there is a hot time in store for his lordship whose vicious attack on one of the most respected and efficient members of the government, will be resented in a way that will hereafter effectually close the mouths of gentlemen of his class.

In view of Canadian experience of commanders-in-chief, it is well that the government by legislation has taken authority to appoint a Canadian to the position. It is a mistake for any man to suppose that because he has a gallant record in the field and chances to become head of the Canadian militia, he may come to this country and proceed to run the militia department to suit his own tastes. The government is responsible to parliament and to the people for the efficiency of the militia service, and ministers do not propose to abdicate their functions even at the behest of an imported commander-in-chief, who perhaps like other gentlemen coming to this country from across the seas, imagines that Canadians are only partially civilized and incapable of self government.

It is since learned that the man Lord Dundonald wanted to appoint major of the new corps, is entirely without military experience, and never shouldered a rifle in his life, not even in target practice.

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(Special to Daily Herald.)

St. John, June 9.—The Presbyterian General Assembly approved recognizing in 1905, 4th centennial of John Knox's birth, and referred the matter to a committee to report next year.

Dr. Sedgewick wanted a detailed statement of the expenditures in connection with the committee on Record and schools.

Most loyal addresses to the King and Queen, and also the governor general of Canada, passed.

A request from Pretoria, South Africa, for aid in erecting a church for the morality of Presbyterian soldiers from all parts of the British Empire, was commended to the church for a sympathetic response.

Calgary College, Principal A. C. MacRae, is prospering exceedingly, and a building costing \$18,000, is to be erected at once.

MR. CHANDLER'S DEATH.

(Special to Daily Herald.)

St. John, June 9.—Robert Parker Chandler, aged 52, died today of diabetes.

Deceased was a son of the late Judge Chandler of St. Andrews, and a brother of Dr. Edward Chandler of Moncton, and of James Chandler, engineer, of Halifax.

TOOK FIRE AND SANK.

(Special to the Daily Herald.)

North Sydney, N. S., June 9.—The crew of the French schooner, Marie Antoniette, arrived here in boats. The vessel took fire off Cape North and sank.

Short Course.

Lieut. H. K. Bowes of the 74th Regiment, Dorchester, entered the military school today for a short course of instruction.

Water Falling.

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