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DUNDONALD'S CASE.

Mr. Fisher's explanation in parliament of the Dundonald incident backed up by official papers should convince every reasonable man in Canada, that the commander-in-chief's attack on the minister of agriculture, was entirely unjustifiable and in shocking taste.

Mr. Fisher was able to show that even Dr. Pickell, whose appointment to the command of a cavalry squadron was cancelled because he was entirely without military experience was loath to assume the position into which Lord Dundonald and his Tory advisers in the Eastern Townships endeavored to force him, and that the action of the minister who was acting for Sir Frederick Borden at the time was satisfactory to the gentleman at the head of the new regiment.

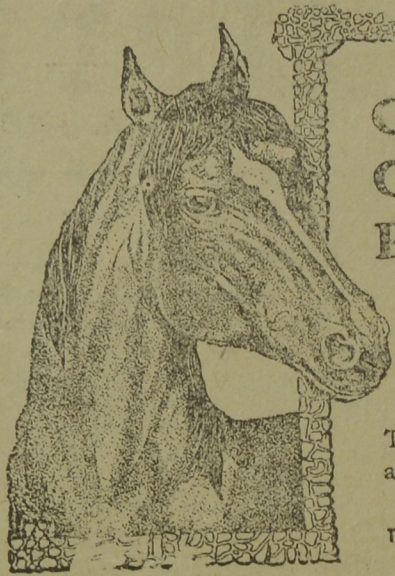
Lack of military qualification was Mr. Fisher's chief objection to Dr. Pickell, but he also objected to the efforts of the Tories of the district to make the new regiment a Tory organization.

Lord Dundonald, not many months ago promulgated an order that officers cannot be appointed to leading positions in a regiment without first occupying after proper qualification, the lower grades in the service. For instance, he declared by official orders that before a man can become captain he must first serve as lieutenant, and before being a major, must serve as captain. In the case of Dr. Pickell, Lord Dundonald showed entire disregard for his own regulations, and attempted to appoint to the command of a squadron, a gentleman who had never been connected with the militia in any capacity.

Mr. Fisher's presentation of the case backed up by the minister of militia puts Lord Dundonald in an awkward position from which no explanation yet given can extricate him.

There is also the larger question of government responsibility for the efficiency of the militia, and the right of the government as representative of the people to control all the public services of the country placed in their charge by the constitution. The government through the minister of militia is supreme in military matters and they do not propose to abdicate their functions, even at the command of so distinguished and capable an officer as Lord Dundonald. Sir Wilfred Laurier spoke very plainly in parliament on this point, and intimated that when a commander-in-chief attempts to turn the government down and conduct the affairs of the militia department according to his own sweet will, he must retire.

The charge is made that the government is introducing politics into the militia department, a statement entirely at variance with the facts. Do political considerations enter into the management of the militia department of New Brunswick? One has only to look around to be convinced that such is not the case. Only the other day appointments were made to the Sussex camp staff and among the officers appointed for that service we find the names of at least two very ardent Conservatives, one of whom has contested his county on more than one occasion for the House of Commons and is



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mentioned as a probable candidate in the next election? Is the government introducing politics into the militia when they agreed to the appointment of Col. Vince and Capt. B. R. Armstrong to the Sussex camp staff? Have Col. Loggie or Major Chipman, of the 71st regiment, both Conservatives, ever found their politics a bar to promotion since the Liberal government came into power, or have their recommendations ever been interfered with for political reasons? Was their any consideration of politics in the appointment of Capt. Winslow, a Conservative, and the son of an active Conservative to a position in the last Canadian regiment that went to South Africa?

Our Tory friends who made the militia department a place of refuge for men of their party, know very well that their present charge against the government is unfounded, and that in Dr. Pickell's case they have no justification worthy a moment's consideration.

The Grey family are influential in England. Lady Minto is a member of it, and is credited with having secured the appointment of her husband to the governor generalship of Canada. The same pull has landed the governor generalship for her brother, Lord Grey, who is announced as Lord Minto's successor at Rideau Hall. The new governor general is 53 years old, and has a creditable record in public life. Lord Minto's term expires in October next, but it is assumed that he will not remain in Canada later than September, and he may leave earlier.

The Grand Trunk Pacific bill has passed the Senate and only requires the governor-general's assent to become law. Mr. Emmerson says that surveys of the Quebec-Moncton section will be commenced this summer. Rumor connects the name of ex-Governor McClellan with the government commission to have charge of the construction of the route.

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Toronto, June 11.—W. C. Tennant, aged 23, of this city, O Butterfield and L. Ferguson, were travelling in the direction of Sharbot Lake on a handcar last evening, when they were overtaken by a C. P. R. train. Tennant was killed, Butterfield had a shoulder broken, and Ferguson escaped unhurt.

All three were attached to the engineering staff.

Peterboro, Ont., June 11.—Mrs. John Delaney, a widow and one of the oldest and most respected citizens of Peterboro, was almost instantly killed at noon yesterday, at the Park Hotel crossing of the Midland railway, by an incoming Grand Trunk train, carrying officers of the road.

There is rather a sharp curve at this point which prevents a train being seen from the crossing till it is within a short distance.

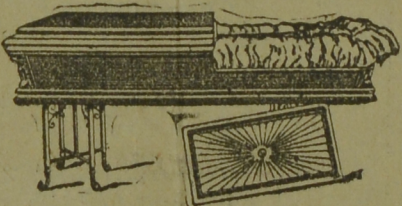
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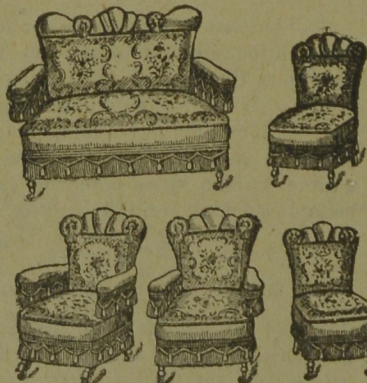
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