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ADIEU DUNDONALD

Lord Dundonald finally obeyed both orders received from the war office. He was told to quit making political speeches and go home. In his parting addresses to the people at Ottawa and Montreal he made no reference to political matters, and it would have been better for him had he adopted that course at Toronto, where he was the centre of a Tory political gathering. Canadians will always remember Lord Dundonald kindly as a brave general, but their recollections of him will not be unmixed with regret that he displayed wretched judgment in permitting himself to be made the catpaw of Tory politicians.

When Lord Dundonald arrives home and has time to reflect on what has happened to him in Canada during the past few weeks, he may arrive at the conclusion, that while Canadians are willing to worship a war hero, they are not disposed to surrender their constitutional rights to any man however eminent, and that the citizens of this country know better than any man of Lord Dundonald's class what they require in military as well as other matters.

For the man Dundonald and his splendid military career, Canadians have nothing but the sincerest respect and admiration, but for the autocratic and meddling commander-in-chief the feeling is entirely different.

Lord Dundonald was old enough and experienced enough to know better than to attempt to run the militia department regardless of the responsible ministers, and if he were commander-in-chief at home, he would be promptly taught the same lesson given in Canada. While his course in Canada may have been commended by a portion of the British press, it has been condemned by leading men of all parties in the Imperial parliament.

THE SUN'S MISREPRESENTATIONS.

Mr. LaBillois informs the Telegraph representatives that the condemnation of the highway bill at some of his meetings came from the county councillors who admitted that they wanted to spend the road money themselves. This statement is made in answer to the observations of the Sun. It did not occur to the "official" reporter of the meetings that he should inform the public of these criticisms.—Sun.

(Mr. LaBillois did not say that criticism from county councillors on the highway act were made at his meetings. As a matter of fact only one county councillor, Mr. Baxter of Andover, spoke in criticism of the law, and his objection, the levying of direct taxation, was reported in what the Sun is pleased to call the official report, which the Sun agreed to publish, but failed to keep its promise, because it developed that the highway act was shown to meet with the approbation of the country.

When the Sun learns to tell the truth about its political opponents, the millennium will not be far in the distance.)

There is another vacancy in the House of Commons. Mr. Prioux, Liberal member for Prescott, Ont., died yesterday, after a short illness. He was first elected in 1891.

Russia has fallen on evil days. With the fortunes of war going against her, and her public men being cut down by the hand of the assassin, the land of the autocrat is apparently being punished and humiliated. It is only a few weeks ago since the Governor General of Finland was shot and killed and now the Minister of the Interior is the victim of a bomb thrower. The Czar is said to be much worried over the course of startling events, and no wonder.

We are sliding through the summer without any apparent effort on the part of the city council to improve the quality of the city's water supply. The survey of the river by the city engineer will not accomplish it, and even the alderman cannot give an intelligent reason why this expense is being incurred. They ordered it, but they do not know why. Perhaps we shall learn the reason when the bill is presented.

Whether justified or not, there is a settled impression among the people dwelling along the banks of the St. John river that the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway will be routed this way, and advices from Ottawa seem to confirm this belief. The government could make no more popular move just now than to order the construction of the road by the river route, and it is believed that course will be taken.

Both Great Britain and the United States are interested in the ship Knight Commander, sank in the Red Sea by Russian guns. The ship was British and her cargo American, and Russia will have to pay a pretty penny in damages and otherwise re-establish herself in the good graces of the governments at Westminster and Washington.

VISITING CARDS.

Some of the Uses to Which They Are Put in England.

A great London paper lately commented on the improper use often made of visiting cards by nefarious persons, but it is evident that the writer did not know that whole packets of such cards, bearing the most distinguished names, can be purchased for a mere trifle.

These cards are for the most part, as one of the vendors assured the writer, used innocently enough in a way of speaking by persons of social pretensions who simply wish to impress people of their own circle. In the hall or on one of the dining room tables elaborate salvers are left carelessly about, each one piled with cards bearing most distinguished names, and of course the waiting visitor, examining these cards to pass the time, is presumed to be deeply impressed by the weight of the social circle in which the owner of the drawing room mixes. The tradesman who was the writer's informant declared that some of the purchasers of the cards greatly enhanced the effect by having scribbled in pencil upon these bits of pasteboard, in different handwritings of course, more or less intimate little messages.

The same informant declared that he had known men of a facetious turn of mind about to visit watering places near London who would take the cards of great people with them and would on making chance acquaintances for mere amusement greatly impress these latter by giving them one or other of the pieces of pasteboard bearing a notable name.—London Tit-Bits.

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BRITAIN'S POSITION

Balfour Made Statement in House of Commons.

RESPECTING GOVERNMENT'S STAND AGAINST RUSSIAN AGGRESSION.

Acute Stage of Red Sea Incidents Has Passed.

London, July 29.—In the House of Commons yesterday afternoon Premier Balfour said the acute stage of the Red Sea incidents had passed, and that the Russian volunteer fleet vessels would be withdrawn. He laid down the British view that no belligerent's warship could issue from the Black Sea and that the volunteer vessels in issuing therefrom, if they took belligerent action, either had no right to issue or no right to take such action. The strongest possible exception had been taken to the seizure of the Malacca on the above ground. The premier added that the Russian government had met the British contention in regard to this particular incident. As to the Knight Commander case, the government had earnestly protested that the sinking of that vessel was contrary to the accepted practice of nations. Mr. Balfour said regarding the Russian assurances on the subject of the seizure of the Malacca and other vessels as follows:

The Russian government have met us in this matter, I will not say on general principle, but in regard to this particular instance. The Malacca could not be stopped before she left Port Said, but she is now released at Algiers. The Russian government at the same time gave us assurances that if the vessels of the volunteer fleet made further captures before instructions could reach them, that pending the discussion of the general principles involved, no action should be taken and that these captures should be regarded as not having occurred. In accordance with that arrangement the Ardova and Formosa have been released. We have received assurances that the volunteer fleet vessels are to be withdrawn from the Red Sea, and we have little doubt that there will be no further desire on the part of the Russian government to employ them as cruisers. So far therefore as those ships go, the controversy has passed out of the acute stage. I will not say that the government of this country and Russia have reached an agreement on the general principle, but I think we need not anticipate any practical violation of the view which we very strongly hold, is likely to occur."

Mr. Balfour assumed a more serious tone as he referred to the Knight Commander.

"There are, I am sorry to say," said the premier, "other questions not connected with the incidents at all which must cause some discussion between the two governments and like all discussions between governments there may be legitimate cause for anxiety. We hold that it is not proper that on the authority of the captain of a cruiser that goods alleged to be contraband of war, should be taken from a merchant ship without trial."

This statement of the premier was greeted with an outburst of cheers.

"The proper course," continued Mr. Balfour, "according to international practice, is that any ship reasonably suspected of carrying contraband of war should be taken by the belligerent to one of its own ports and its trial should there occur before a prize court, by which the case is to be determined. Evidently if it is left to the captain of a cruiser to decide his own initiative and authority whether particular articles carried on a ship are or are not contraband what is not merely a practice of nations, but what is a necessary foundation of equitable relation between belligerents and neutrals would be cut down to the root."

This statement of the premier was also cheered. He continued: "More serious than the others is the case of the Knight Commander. If, as our information leads us to fear, she was sunk by a cruiser of the Vladivostok squadron on the ground that she carried contraband of war, in our view it is entirely contrary to the practice of nations in war time, and we have earnestly pressed our view on the Russian government. We are under a strong impression that when the case is brought, as it has been brought by us, before the Russian government, that they will give such orders as to prevent a recurrence of unfortunate incidents of that character. I feel confident that will be the case."

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