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MULOCK'S RESIGNATION.**Postmaster General Confirms Report of His Retirement from Political Life.****MAY GO TO THE ONTARIO BENCH—AYLESWORTH HIS SUCCESSOR.**

Ottawa, Oct. 12.—Sir William Mulock acknowledges the truth of the rumors which have been current in Toronto and Ottawa for some days, of his immediate intention to retire from the ministry. Indeed, the formal document is in the hands of the first minister and only requires to be submitted to his excellency on his return from Winnipeg on Monday to become effective.

The postmaster general was working yesterday at a mass of documents when your correspondent entered the minister's room. At first he was disposed to say nothing about his prospective retirement from the ministry, but presently he admitted that he had placed his resignation in the hands of Sir Wilfrid.

"I am retiring," he remarked, on the imperative orders of my physician. I have never fully recovered from the attack of neuritis which I had some months ago, and I am told that I cannot recover my wonted good health unless I have a complete change of scene and occupation.

"Ah, I to assume then that you are quitting politics for good?" the postmaster general was asked.

"You are," Sir Wilfrid replied. "It will be a great wrench for me to leave the halls of parliament, where I have spent so many years, happy years I may say, but there is no help for it. It would be absurd for me to retire from the cabinet and to remain in parliament as matters are now. Possibly my labors as an ordinary member of the house would be much lighter than as a minister, but the temptation to work would still be there, and I am therefore getting away from political life for all time."

Sir William had been pacing up and down the room in a nervous, restless way while he was talking, but when his visitor asked: "What is to become of the telephone question when you are out of the house?" he stopped short and ejaculated: "Ah, that is one of the regrets that I have in leaving parliament. I am hopeful, however, that my successor will continue the work that we commenced last session, until we get some legislation on the statute books."

Skilfully evading the question as to his successor, Sir William went on: "Do you know that I have not made up my mind as to the wisdom of the government nationalizing the telephone line. Rather I came round to the view as the inquiry progressed that our aim should be to develop a

system of rural telephony with all the conveniences and benefits which it would carry with it, so that in time it would be a rare thing to find a farmer's house without a telephone. To accomplish this end there would have to be co-operation between the Dominion and the Provincial governments. My idea is that when a municipal or rural system of telephony is established this rental should be collected from users by the municipal authorities as they collect the water rates and other taxes. I have no doubt at all that a workable system on those lines could be brought about."

Referring to the report of the telephone committee, which is now in print, Sir Wilfrid said it would be one of the best compendiums of the telephone information ever accomplished on this continent.

It is said that Sir William Mulock will be appointed chief justice of the new exchequer court division in Toronto.

Earl Grey will here Sunday, and formalities in connection with Sir William's retirement will be put through on Monday. The same evening Sir William will be tendered a farewell dinner by the premier.

A. B. Aylesworth will run in North York. He will not only get Sir William's constituency, but his department. The new minister will become postmaster general.

SERVED HIM RIGHT.**Baptist Minister Turned Down Because He Libelled Sir Wilfrid Laurier.**

Montreal, Oct. 12.—A special London cable says:

Rev. A. J. Vining, representative of the Baptist College, Brandon, who is here in the interests of the Western Canadian Missions, endeavoring to secure financial assistance for Canadian Baptist work, had been booked by Mr. Preston, the Canadian immigration commissioner, for a number of lectures on Canada during the coming season; but in an address before the Baptist Union on Monday he is reported as having, in emphatic language, described the action of the Roman Catholics invading the Canadian Northwest, and during the course of his remarks said that as premier of Canada, Sir Wilfrid Laurier

was a traitor and Jesuit, on account of the favor that he was showing to Roman Catholics.

Mr. Preston having verified the reports of Mr. Vining's speech as being correct, is said to have notified him that all arrangements made with him for lectures had been cancelled and that his services could not be made available for this purpose by the department during the coming season.

CRIMSON WITH BLOOD.**Mutinous Sailors Killed Captain and Four of Schooner Harry Berwind's Crew.**

Wilmington, N. C., Oct. 12.—The murder of Captain Ruml and four of his crew of the four-masted schooner Harry A. Berwind, in a mutiny while the vessel was bound from Mobile to Philadelphia, is the story told in a special to the Star from Southport last night.

The schooner, Blanche R. King, J. W. Taylor, bound from Brunswick, Ga., to Philadelphia, put into Southport Tuesday afternoon, bringing in iron three negroes, all that remained of the crew of the Harry A. Berwind. The captain, mate and cook and an engineer who did hoisting work aboard the latter vessel, apparently had been killed in the mutiny and their bodies thrown overboard, and the body of a fourth sailor, a negro, was found lying on deck, where he too, had been killed.

The Harry A. Berwind was bound to Philadelphia from Mobile, which port she left September 23. She was sighted early yesterday morning 30 miles off the Cape Fear Bar by Captain Taylor, whose attention was attracted by the reckless manner in which the ill-fated vessel was being steered, her course threatening to run down his own vessel. Captain Taylor and crew boarded the vessel and placed the negroes in irons.

It develops from the stories of the negroes that the mutiny arose as the result of a quarrel about ship early Tuesday morning about the coffee made for breakfast. The King was signalled by the Berwind, 30 miles east of Frying Pan lightship, and in response to a signal, Capt. Taylor sent his mate, engineer and others on board the Berwind.

The decks of the schooner were crimson with blood. The berth of the mate was spotted with blood, indicating that he was butchered in bed. After the boarding party from the King had handcuffed the mutineers of the ship, one of the negroes complained the irons were too tight and hurt him. The bracelet on the negro's arm was loosened, when the captive whipped out a pistol and shot one of his own crew. The total list of killed is four whites and one negro.

DR. BULLER DEAD.**Eminent Specialist Passes Away at Montreal.**

Montreal, Oct. 12.—Dr. Frank Buller, the leading oculist of Canada and professor of ophthalmology and otology at McGill University Medical School, died last night after four months' illness from aneuria.

Frank Buller, M. D., was the fourth son of Charles G. Buller of "Hillside," Campbellford, Ont. He was educated at the Peterboro High School and graduated in medicine at Victoria College, Coburg, in 1869. He carried on further studies in England and Germany, devoting himself especially to the eye, ear and throat. While at the University of Berlin he enjoyed the advantage of personal instruction from Helmholtz and Von Graefe. He also served as assistant surgeon in the military hospitals of north Germany during portions of the French-Prussian war, and before returning to England, 1872, had been on the staff of the Graefes-Ophthalmological Hospital of Berlin. In England he became a member of the Royal College of Surgeons, and senior house surgeon in the Royal London Ophthalmological Hospital. He commenced practice in Montreal in 1876 and had an extensive practice. He held the posts of ophthalmic and auricular surgeon to the Montreal General Hospital for 17 years and resigned to take the same position in the Royal Victoria Hospital.

Dr. Buller was a member of the Church of England and never took any part in politics. He married Miss Lillie Langlois of Quebec, who died November 20, 1895. Dr. Buller was the foremost specialist in his line in America. He was a second cousin of General Buller.

WEDDING POSTPONED.**St. John Man Had to Attend Court on Day He Was to be Married.**

"I intended to be married today and then go on a two-weeks' trip, but you called me here, and not knowing how long this thing might last, I had to put it all off."

They were words that might have awakened sympathy in the hardest heart, as they came in injured tones yesterday from the lips of Justus G. Lake, an unwilling witness at the St. John county court chambers. It is perhaps safe to say that a certain great man's opinion of "the law's delay" never before appealed so strongly to Mr. Lake as it did yesterday. Even the stern dispenser of justice expressed his sorrow, and hardest of all, the thoughtless lawyer, who so unfortunately postponed that blissful event which comes only once in most men's lifetime, said "it was too bad."

George S. De Forest & Sons had recovered a judgment in the city court against Frank Finlay, a gro-

cer doing business at the corner of Pitt street and Elliot Row. They had Mr. Finlay up for examination before Judge Forbes yesterday. It appeared that immediately after the judgment he sold out to Mr. Lake, and claims that he paid the money over to his brother, whom he says he owed. The prospective bridegroom's business relations with Mr. Finlay were what necessitated his presence for examination yesterday and made him sad indeed. ...

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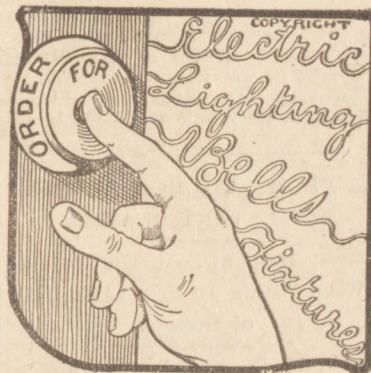
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