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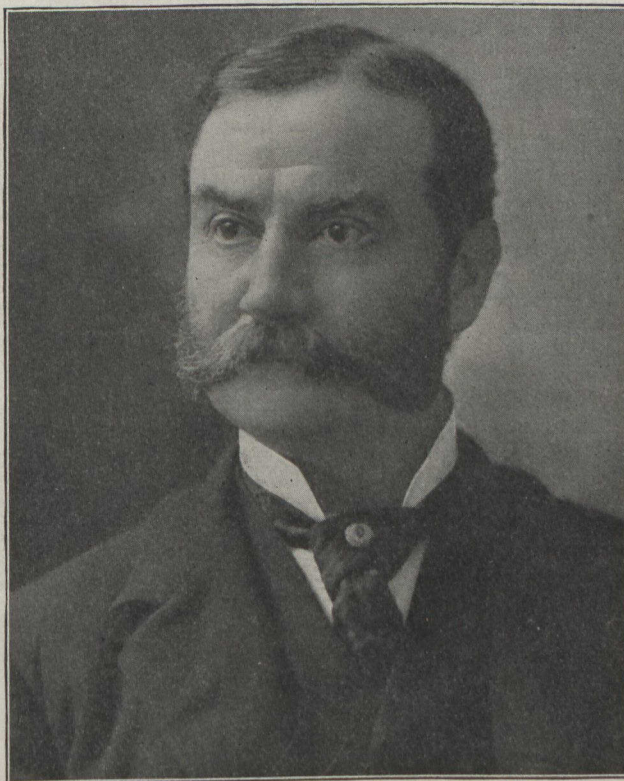
MR. HUGH GUTHRIE, K.C.
Who may succeed to the Portfolio of Justice

MORE Ministerial shuffle. With the resignation of Mr. Brodeur, so long desired by the *Toronto News*, Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux takes charge of Marine—inclusive of Niobe, Rainbow, and the Arctic. In the post-office portfolio he inherited a large surplus, somewhat derived from penny postage, good management and the absence of hard times. He inaugurated rural delivery and reduced urban rates to a cent for an ordinary letter—which has made it extremely difficult to recollect that a two-cent stamp has any business on a letter to any address except in case of writing on love or baseball. Mr. Lemieux is a very urbane, smooth-going French-Canadian. Before Hon. Mackenzie King became Minister of Labour he had time to invent the Lemieux Act for the amicable settlement of labour disputes without strikes; said Act having kept Mr. King busy settling strikes most of the time since. It does not look as though the Marine Department will furnish Mr. Lemieux with as much chance for distinction as did his old portfolio. His first journey since being sworn in last week was with Mr. Bourassa, on Sunday, down at St. Hyacinthe.

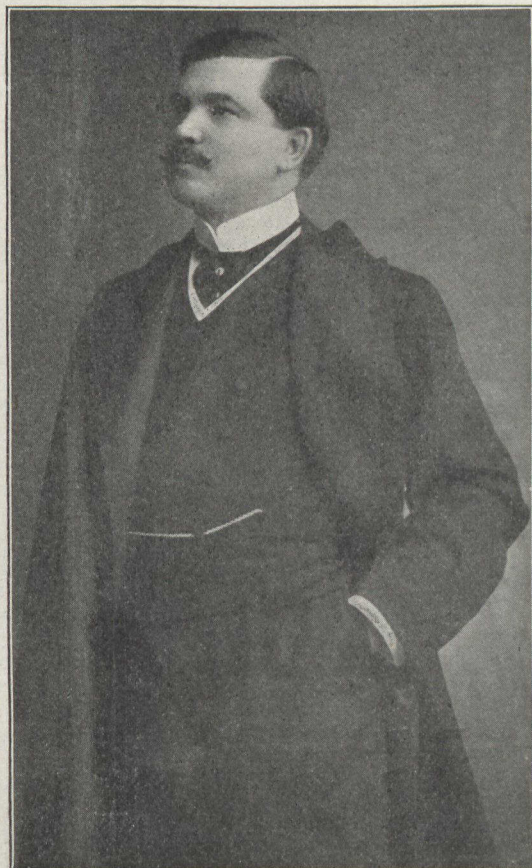
SUCCESSING Mr. Lemieux—Dr. Beland, of Beauce, who, on Parliament Hill, has played baseball with page boys; a man most democratic, un-Nationalist and anti-Bourassa; beloved in rural Québec, which, in a remarkable manner, he impersonates. Dr. Beland is a young man. As P. M. G. he will be energetic, resourceful and urbane. He has been in the House since 1902, when he took the seat of Mr. J. Godbout. Always quiet and unobtrusive he has seldom spoken in the House, though he is one of the ablest speakers in both French and English. He will now be heard more. Barring Hon. Mackenzie King he is the youngest Minister. Three years ago he was first made prominent by being appointed with Honourables Sydney Fisher and Clifford Sifton



DR. HENRI S. BELAND
New Postmaster-General and Member for Beauce, P.Q.



MR. ZEBULON AITON LASH, K.C.
Anti-Reciprocitarian and President Canadian National League.



HON. RODOLPHE LEMIEUX
New Minister of Marine and Fisheries

to represent Canada on the North American Conservation Commission at Washington.

IT seems probable that Mr. Hugh Guthrie will be the new Minister of Justice. The member for South Wellington has perhaps had his eye on the Cabinet for years. A singularly able man; of rather cold intellect and a sort of dominance in the House—he has been effectively put on the firing line by the Government before now. He is not easily fussed up. Neither when he speaks in the House is he so much genial as interesting. Guelph is his native city; a stone town with a Scotch cast; firm Guthrie and Watt just below the post-office and the public square on the road leading to the river. He has two or three brothers. One is a Presbyterian minister. In law Mr. Guthrie was scarcely less successful than his father. In politics—somewhat remains to be seen; but there need be no doubt that he will be an able successor to the line of Ministers in that portfolio begun by Hon. David Mills, most learned of them all. For a long time it has been taken for granted that Mr. Guthrie will succeed Sir Alan Aylesworth, though Sir Allan is reported as favouring Mr. A. H. Clarke, of South Essex.

THE signature somewhat bespeaks the man—Z. A. Lash, with the tail of the H flicked like a whip-lash under the name. Mr. Lash once had the same political mind as the three gentlemen pictured on top of this page. He now thinks far differently. Mr. Lash will do as much as he may to help keep these gentlemen out of portfolios; not being anxious, though quite able for one himself. The reason for the change is—Reciprocity and the Canadian National League, of which he is President, and which goes for reciprocity much as a dog goes at a weasel under a woodpile. Mr. Lash is one of the ablest legal minds in Canada. He is also a millionaire. A very brusque man; impatient of opposition—he has never tied himself to a cause of great public interest until he took up with anti-reciprocity.