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HON. J. H. LAMONT GOES ON THE BENCH

The Attorney-General a Supreme Court Judge—
Prince Albert Seat Will be Vacant Soon

Hon. J. H. Lamont has been promoted to the bench as a judge



Hon. J. H. Lamont
Who is exalted above his colleagues.

of the Supreme Court, the appointment being made yesterday

at a meeting of the cabinet. There is no doubt that Mr. Lamont will take his place on the bench at once, and the Prince Albert seat will be opened. The indications are that A. Ferguson will be the government candidate and if he wins will succeed to Mr. Lamont's portfolio.

It is difficult to see how the government can get through the session without Mr. Lamont for he is the only minister who has his hands on the departmental work, he having stayed at home this summer and attended to business.

Mr. Motherwell has been out in North Qu'Appelle nursing his constituency. Mr. Calder has been away considerably, while Premier Scott spent the winter and early summer away for his health.

Mr. Lamont was persona grata with both sides of the house and got along well as acting Premier during Mr. Scott's illness. His many friends will be pleased to offer congratulations.

N. D. Beck, K.C., has been promoted to the Supreme Court bench for Alberta.

SENSATIONAL DISCLOSURES

Will Attend Prosecution of Arthur Nield for Robbing North Line Mails—\$65,000 in One Letter

Prince Albert, Sept. 17.—

When at the fall assizes the government proceeds with the prosecution of Arthur Nield for robbing mails on the north line, there will be something doing, for the disclosures promise to be somewhat startling. The government is in possession of information that money has been taken from mails which Arthur Nield is not supposed to have had access to. One case in particular happened between Aylesbury and Regina, an agent of a wholesale company in that city having enclosed \$65 in an envelope, as he alleges, and dropped it into the mail on a certain date. The money never reached the firm there and the matter was reported to the Department. It is said that the date on which the money was sent was not one of Mr. Nield's trips. The public, however, are not likely to get any further information on this point until the case comes before the court.

HOW NIELD WAS CAUGHT

Since about last March the Department has been keeping an eye on the mail clerks on the north line as frequent reports were reaching the government that the mails were being tampered with. It was only on Saturday the 7th, however, that they managed to catch one of the railway mail staff with stolen letters on him. On that date Arthur Nield took

his regular run from Regina to Prince Albert. The department had sent two inspectors out, one to the capital and the other up the main line of the C.N.R., he proceeding as far as McDowall, where he put one or two letters on the train, which he marked. The inspector at the other end got off a short piece up the line after dropping into the mail marked letters containing bills. After the train arrived here the inspector who got on at McDowall went to the mail car and asked the staff to go over to the post office with him which they did. He looked among the city mail for the letters which he and the other inspector had posted and he could find only one. He searched Mr. Nield and did not find any money in his pockets. He discovered some of the marked bills, however, inside his clothes. The official then went through the clerk's grip and found not only one of his letters but a bundle, some of which were as much as two months old. Among these there were letters which had not been opened and others contained cheques and money orders. Some were directed to the Eaton Co. and several to the Robert Simpson Co.

There is no doubt that Mr. Nield's work was bold and course for had he taken the proper precaution to destroy everything except the money it would have been difficult to catch him, and after making arrangements to be moved to Winnipeg if he had quit tampering with the mails he would not have been found out. Official opinion is that he must surely have been under the influence of liquor when he took the letters for no man in his sober senses would have played such an open game.

His trial will be held here under the new courts in October.

REGINA HONORS PARTING CITIZENS

Large Gathering in City Hall makes Presentation Through Mayor Smith to Mr. and Mrs. Stevenson—A Pleasant Evening

Those who gathered together in the City Hall on Saturday evening to say farewell to Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Stevenson, and make them a presentation on behalf of the citizens of Regina, were sincerely emotional with feelings of deep regret that Mr. and Mrs. Stevenson were to take their departure. For nearly three years "George" as he was familiarly called, has not only been a favorite in musical circles where he has been a strong feature, but he was generous in the use of his vocal talents on so many public occasions that the whole city has

had frequent opportunities to hear and applaud him. Mrs. Stevenson, who before her marriage was Mrs. Laubach, has held a position in public esteem second only to her husband and has been a star for some time among the musical fraternity. Her sweet voice has often been heard at public functions and those who attended the presentation and farewell on Saturday evening will not soon forget her beautiful rendition of Anid Lang Syne, the

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