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that. But it is responsible for what it did, and must carry the responsibility, 6578. Will read letter on, 6580. Cannot believe country fallen so low that it cannot find a Minister of Justice who can be trusted, 6581. Leave case to good judgment and sense of fairness of members, 6583.

*Edwards, J. W.* (Frontenac)—6607.

Would say that Minister of Justice has not gone far enough in that direction, 6607. Reference made to J. B. Jackson on, 6608. Know well that defeated candidates in that county were in habit of handling the patronage, 6609-10. Member's statement is not one of fact. That of itself is sufficient reason why resolution should not receive support of House, 6610.

*Emmerson, Hon. H. R.* (Westmorland)—6604.

Would not feel called upon to make observations were it not for remarks about C. Bruce Macdougall case, 6605. Show wherein Sir Allen Aylesworth was not imposed upon. Unfair to refer to Macdougall case, 6605. Whatever facts of that case were, they are no justification of present case, 6606.

*German, W. M.* (Welland)—6610.

• Speak on matter which may be treated as within jurisdiction of Department of Justice. Defended a man about twenty years ago who was convicted and sentenced to penitentiary for life, he is now serving time, 6610. He has served as long in penitentiary as he should, am in favour of having him pardoned 6611.

*Hazen, Hon. J. D.* (Minister of Marine and Fisheries)—6560.

Only right to place plain statement of facts in regard to matter which forms subject of amendment, 6560. Firm conviction that Mr. Gillies, in making the representation which he did to department about Mr. Landry, was acting in good faith believing Landry worthy of it, 6561. Recommend his dismissal. An order in Council was passed removing him from the position. Received letter from Rev. Wilfrid Boucher, parish priest at Descouse, calling attention to character of Captain Landry. Information received incorrect, 6562. Landry recommended by Mr. Gillies, did not appoint him to office but another man by name of Boudreau, 6563. If matter had been brought to my attention I would have held up appointment until further inquiry had been made, 6564. Position of wharfinger not important and remuneration is not sufficient to permit living without another occupation, 6565. Duties of position being attended to by Captain Langlois. That is all in regard to position of wharfinger. In regard to buoy contractor at Descouse, 6567. Department gave instructions that a contract be entered into with Captain Landry provided he gave proper and sufficient

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sureties. No contract entered into with him about buoy contractor, 6568. Landry was not appointed to public office while under sentence, 6569. If Department of Justice was imposed upon, it is not the first time, 6570. Feel that consideration of facts will convince hon. gentlemen that there is no reason why House should pass vote of censure, 6571.

*Kyte, G. W.* (Richmond, N.S.)—6540.

Desire to move an amendment, copy of which I gave Prime Minister. People of Canada no doubt expected a rigid adherence to principle by this government as set forth in policy, 6540. Intend to read certain documents with respect to dismissals and appointments they are on, 6541-6552. Facts and conditions such as I have described would make one think that ministers in present government would have had nothing to do with Captain Andrew Landry, 6552. To entrust defeated candidates with responsibility of recommending dismissals from public office is a precedent which must lead to trouble, 6553. More letters on, 6554-55. Prerogative of people having no responsibility to give advice as to what ought to be done under certain circumstances, 6556. Find fault with when having been convicted with forgery, man is released in twelve months by minister upon information inadequate to justify such a course, 6558.

*McKenzie, D. D.* (Cape Breton North and Victoria)—6611.

As an individual member of this party, am quite prepared to compare conduct of gentlemen on this side versus gentlemen opposite. Where have they put their finger on a single instance of wrongdoing by party in power last fifteen years, 6612. Would be sorry to be placed on lower scale in judgment of Minister of Justice, 6613. Probably legal fraternity will understand what is meant by a judicial Act. Judicial Acts should be based on judicial evidence, 6614. Should have hesitated before interfering with conclusion reached by proper machinery, 6615. Crime for which this man was convicted is deserving of life imprisonment, which is maximum sentence, 6616-17. If any danger to life had been proven, I would have given aid, 6618. Submit that whole case bears a tinge, tint and current of suspicious circumstances, 6619.

*White, Hon. W. T.* (Minister of Finance)—6594.

On account of being minister principally concerned it is my purpose to make a statement of facts, 6594. Will clear atmosphere myself to entire satisfaction of House. Responsible officer in charge of this duty is Mr. Côté 6595. Tell House what happened in particular case on, 6597. Before Minister of Justice left for England, he obtained a report from judge upon this case. Ticket-of-leave is conditional. No money was lost, 6598. Family in destitute circumstances. Say