

Justice, Hon. Ernest Lapointe, French; the Minister of Marine and Fisheries, Hon. P. J. A. Cardin, French; the Solicitor General, Hon. L. Cannon, French; Postmaster General, P. J. Veniot, French;

And proud of it too.

The Secretary of State, Hon. F. Rinfret, French; the Minister of Labour, Hon. Peter Heenan, Roman Catholic—

They do not give his nationality. Not satisfied with that they take up the officials of the House of Commons and the chairman of the several committees of the house and in that connection we have the following:

The Speaker of the House of Commons, Hon. R. Lemieux, French.

He had that distinction by virtue of an unwritten law of the House of Commons that French and English alternately shall fill the position which you occupy to-day, Mr. Speaker.

The Clerk of the House of Commons, A. Beauchesne, French; Deputy Clerk, T. M. Fraser, Roman Catholic.

Coming as he does from good old Presbyterian stock in the county of Pictou I am sure his ancestors would turn in their graves if they could see this publication.

Chief Liberal whip, Pierre Casgrain, French.

Everybody knows he is French.

Chairmen of standing committees, 1930—
Railways, F. S. Cahill, Roman Catholic.
Private Bills, G. Parent, French.
Standing Orders, L. S. R. Morin, French.
Printing, Hon. C. Marcl, French.
Mines, Forests and Waters, E. A. Lapierre, French.

Canadian National Railways, Sir E. Fiset, French.

Listen to this:

Soldiers' Pensions, et cetera, C. G. Power, half French and Irish.

And then the statement winds up as follows:

With compliments of Roy N. Stapleford, field secretary of the Loyal Orange Association of New Brunswick.

I am not holding the Conservative party responsible for this, but the gentleman who issued the circular. He was not fair enough to state that of the sixteen or seventeen ministers in the late government, five were of French and one of Irish Catholic origin. He was not fair enough to state that out of seventeen committees of this house only six or seven had French or Irish Catholics at their head. The evident intention was to arouse a feeling of prejudice in the people of New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island against the Liberal party.

Now, Mr. Speaker, having exposed those tactics, let me come back to some of the

arguments used by the hon. gentleman who moved the address (Mr. Cormier). He spoke of the great improvement brought about in New Brunswick since the present government came into power. He forgot, though, to tell the house that since the special session at which the customs tariff was increased, out of four cotton mills that we had in the province one has been closed down and dismantled. He forgot to tell the house that the money expended through the co-operation of the federal and provincial governments has resulted in the operators of the lumber camps of New Brunswick reducing the wages of their employees almost to the vanishing point—to a point where they are almost as bad as the scale of wages purported to be paid to a similar class of labour in Russia. He forgot to tell the house that while the provincial government reduced the stumpage on lumber in order to aid and encourage the lumbermen to develop their industry to a greater extent, the federal treasury, paid every dollar of that reduced stumpage to the tune of \$60,000, and yet the lumbermen forced down the wages of their workmen to \$18 to \$28 a month. Notwithstanding this wage-reduction the Minister of Labour (Senator Robertson) never took any steps to see that the fair wage clause was enforced to protect those men. And I ask the hon. gentleman what reply did he get from the Minister of Labour when in his capacity as the representative of Madawaska-Restigouche he appealed to the minister to see that the proper wages were paid to those men. The hon. gentleman has forgotten to tell the house that since that time the chief industry in his home town, one of the largest pulp and newsprint industries in the Dominion, has been going steadily behind until to-day it is running only to about 60 per cent of its capacity; and that he as mayor of the city of Edmundston should know that the civic authorities have been called upon to maintain no less than one hundred families whose breadwinners could not get employment. Those are things that the hon. gentleman has forgotten to tell the house.

He has forgotten further to inform this house that not one cent from the Dominion treasury has reached in direct aid the unemployed of New Brunswick and especially his own county. He forgot to tell the house that the Minister of Public Works of the province who has the determination of the policy to be adopted for the expenditure of money in cooperation with the federal authorities in aid of unemployment, has publicly