

There are 800 railway employees in my constituency, 500 are laid off—this is the success my people have got.

(Translation)

(d) To end, by the economic revival of development of our industry and our agriculture, the five day week and the decrease in wages of our railway employees;

Now they are set back. It is far from being better; the farmers do not receive many cents for their products.

(Translation)

(e) The construction of a new station so long expected at Rivière-du-Loup;

About the Rivière du Loup station I have to say this, that it was not a new one; the old one was repaired. But if the government had been fair enough to settle the matter when it came first before the hon. Minister of Railways—and may I say that it was unfortunate that the hon. Minister of Railways had to go to Churchill at the time—you would never have heard me say a word about it except to praise the government. But I could not do it; I worked too much. I could only credit them with having done part of their duty.

(Translation)

(f) The carrying out of public works in the county (post offices, wharves, etc.) to give employment to the working classes and enable them to purchase from our farmers agricultural products at prices which will enable the latter to live on their farms.

No post office has been built. Moreover I had some money voted by parliament in 1930 for the building of a post office at Trois Pistoles and that post office has not been built and that money has not been spent.

Now, sir, there is something I wish to say about Notre Dame du Portage. That is rather a small parish, part of it is part of the old parish of St. André in the electoral district of Kamouraska, and part is part of the old parish of St. Patrice du Rivière du Loup in Temiscouata county. I know nearly everyone that lives there; they are all fine people and highly intelligent. The division lines have been the same for sixty years, ever since the creation of the parish, and some time ago I had the honour of assisting at a celebration in the parish at which there was present His Excellency Monseigneur Hallé, Vicar Apostolic of Northern Ontario. It is an excellent parish, and I have no reason for wishing to discontinue my happy association with the people. But a change has been made, for no other reason than that it has been requested by those who prevented the spending of \$1,000 to repair the wharf there. That

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money was voted in 1930 and was available to make the necessary repairs to the wharf, but it was not spent. The people were told during the election that \$15,000 would be spent there to complete an extension to the wharf, but nothing was done; the money was not spent. The result is that there is a great hole in the wharf, and it is in danger of drifting away by force of the ice in the winter. No wonder hon. gentlemen are ashamed to go there and explain to the people their actions in this regard. They can offer no excuse for not having spent the money in time for this purpose, and their negligence is all the more shameful when we remember that this is a splendid summer resort which is visited by people from Montreal and Toronto and other places.

Trois-Pistoles is another wonderful parish, one of the finest in my constituency. The farmers in that locality are just as prosperous as this government will permit them to be. They have very comfortable homes, as my hon. friend from L'Islet knows, as the hon. member for Kamouraska knows, and as my esteemed and respected friend and Quebec leader, the hon. member for Quebec East, also knows; indeed, no one knows better than he does. It is a wonderful part of the country and has belonged to the constituency since 1853, a period of eighty years. Now it is going to form part of another constituency. I shall congratulate my hon. friend from Rimouski if it goes through without change while the schedules are being considered in committee. I congratulate him because this is a genuine gift to him, for it is one of the most beautiful places in the whole province and, what is more, it is a summer resort. The people are all intelligent, fine people, and there are excellent schools, so that altogether I am justified in describing it as a wonderful section. I am sorry to see it go because I have fond memories of it. At Trois-Pistoles there took place some time ago the blessing of a monument which was erected at The Rasades, a small island, and the Bishop of Rimouski attended. It was during the summer and the gathering was great. This is one more link of remembrance that binds me to my constituents, and it is something that cannot be forgotten.

As regards Ste. Françoise, I may say that I was one of the godfathers of the church bells, and the bishop attended that ceremony also. People came from other parishes on that occasion. This is also a wonderful spot, situated in a valley between beautiful mountains, and it is a farming district as well.