

are \$38 per month for season of navigation only.

Mr. TAYLOR (for Mr. Quinn) asked :

1. How many employees of the Government, on the Lachine Canal at Montreal, have been dismissed since 1st September, 1896?
2. What complaints, if any, were made against men so dismissed?
3. What investigations held in each case?
4. Were such men dismissed on recommendation of friends of the Government, and if so, who recommended such dismissals?
5. How long had such men been employed on the canal previous to their dismissals?
6. What were the respective salaries of the men dismissed?

The MINISTER OF RAILWAYS AND CANALS. 1. The services of one employee of the Lachine Canal have been dispensed with since September 1st, 1896. 2. No complaint made. 3. No investigation held. 4. His services were dispensed with on recommendation of Mr. Madore, M.P. 5. He had been employed since 15th June, 1895. 6. He was paid \$1.50 per day.

COLLECTOR DANIS, BEAUHARNOIS CANAL.

Mr. LaRIVIERE (for Mr. Bergeron) asked:

When was Mr. A. D. Danis appointed collector of tolls on the Beauharnois Canal? When was he appointed as paymaster of said canal? When did he cease to act as paymaster, and why? What is the yearly salary Mr. Danis received as collector of tolls? What fees as paymaster did he receive? Has he paid to the pension fund for eighteen years, and how much has he paid thus? Was he dismissed as collector of tolls, and when, and why? Upon whose complaint was he dismissed? Did he ask for an investigation, and was it promised to him? Why was not the investigation, as asked and promised, granted?

Was Mr. J. Bte. Laplante, advocate, of Valleyfield, appointed in the place of Mr. Danis as collector? Why was the nomination rescinded? How many solicitors are asking for Mr. Danis' position?

Has the position been offered to Mr. S. A. Brodeur, N.P., of Vaudreuil, on his promising to edit the Liberal paper of the place, "Le Progrès de Valleyfield"?

Is it true that Mr. Brodeur is ready to accept the conditions above referred to, if he gets the other position held by Mr. Danis?

The MINISTER OF RAILWAYS AND CANALS (Mr. Blair). Mr. A. D. Danis was appointed collector of tolls on the Beauharnois Canal, October 1st, 1879. He was appointed paymaster of the Beauharnois Canal October 9th, 1879. He ceased acting as paymaster on the 30th June, 1886, in order to bring all the Quebec canals under one paymaster and that the office of collector and paymaster should be separate and distinct. The yearly salary Mr. Danis received as collector of tolls was \$850, and he received as paymaster \$50 per annum. He contributed to the superannuation fund from his appointment as collector from October 1st, 1879, to January 31st,

1897, and paid into the fund \$311.16. His services were dispensed with as collector, January 25th, 1897, for taking an active and offensive part in the elections in June last, on the representation made on the personal knowledge of the Hon. Israel Tarte. He asked for an investigation, but none was promised him because it was not considered necessary. Mr. J. B. Laplante was not appointed in the place of Mr. Danis, nor was the position, so far as the department knows, offered to Mr. S. A. Brodeur upon his promising to undertake anything. The department is not aware whether Mr. Brodeur is ready to accept the position, nor does the department know that there were any other persons desiring the position that Mr. Danis had held.

Mr. LaRIVIERE (for Mr. Bergeron) asked:

Who is the collector of customs at Valleyfield? When was he appointed, and at what salary? What is the amount of money collected at the Valleyfield port since Mr. Danis' appointment? Is Mr. Danis the excise officer at Valleyfield? When appointed? What fees? How much money collected since appointment? Is Mr. Danis the present collector of customs and excise officer at Valleyfield the same Mr. Danis who was dismissed, after eighteen years of faithful service and contribution to the pension fund as collector of tolls, on the 25th January, 1897, and who is not yet replaced as such?

Is it the intention of the Government to increase the salary of Mr. Danis as collector of customs at Valleyfield?

The CONTROLLER OF CUSTOMS (Mr. Paterson). There are some statements of fact in the question, and I would ask the hon. member to leave it on the Table until he has changed it and put it in order.

Mr. LaRIVIERE. What change?

Mr. SPEAKER. I suppose the hon. member refers to a statement of fact in the latter part of the question, alleging that Mr. Danis had been for eighteen years performing faithful services and contributing to the pension fund. The hon. gentleman might ask whether that was a fact; but he sees the difficulty in answering such a statement of fact. I think the question had better be recast.

Mr. LaRIVIERE. I will let the question stand until the hon. gentleman who put it on the Order paper is here.

Mr. FOSTER. Just drop those three words.

Mr. SPEAKER. If the Minister is ready to answer the question with those words dropped out, it can be gone on with; otherwise it had better be put into proper shape.

DISMISSAL OF MR. MARTIN, POSTMASTER OF BELFAST.

Mr. MARTIN asked :

What is the date of the dismissal of Martin as postmaster at Belfast, in Prince Ed-