

person in his locality who had only been in the service 4 years and had never contributed to the fund.

Hon. Sir FRANCIS HINCKS was quite sure the hon. gentleman was mistaken.

Hon. Mr. HUTCHISON said he was not mistaken. The person had been put into the office when over 70 years of age, and was paid a salary to the end of June, while his pension began on the 7th June. He also referred to an appointment of an immigration agent, who, he stated, had never encouraged a single immigrant. He attributed all this to the Minister of Marine and Fisheries (Hon. Senator Mitchell), who, he said, had been sent down to oppose both himself and Mr. Anglin in their elections, but who had received a rebuke. He might come down again if he wished, but in that case he would receive a stern rebuke. He agreed with the member for Lotbinière (Mr. Joly) that the number of officers superannuated should never exceed one per cent of the entire number, and that the widows and orphans ought to receive the benefit of any surplus, or failing that, the rate ought to be reduced.

Hon. Sir FRANCIS HINCKS said the hon. gentleman had used very strong language, practically imputing fraud to the Government. He had stated that Government had placed on the pension list a gentleman who had only been four years in office. The fact was that that gentleman had only four years on salary, but for some fifteen or sixteen years previously he had been in the public service, but paid by fees.

Hon. Mr. MACKENZIE: Does the Finance Minister say that the Superannuation Fund applies to gentlemen paid by fees?

Hon. Sir FRANCIS HINCKS said he was mistaken in saying fees, the gentleman was paid by commission, but at the time of being pensioned was on salary.

Hon. Mr. MACKENZIE said fees and commission were practically the same, and any one receiving them had no claim to superannuation.

Hon. Sir FRANCIS HINCKS said when he had stated that the gentleman had not been paid after four years service, it was because from his own knowledge of the working of his Department he knew such a thing to be impossible. He had since learned that the person

in question had been in the public service something like twenty years, but that formerly his emoluments had been derived from commissions, while at the time of superannuation he was on salary.

Hon. Mr. ANGLIN denied that the gentleman in question could be held to have been in the public service. He had merely been employed to superintend the building of light-houses, for which service it was customary to pay commissions, but that in fact he was a shipbuilder.

Hon. Sir GEORGE-É. CARTIER said that Confederation provided that officers in the different Provinces employed in the discharge of duties connected with the Dominion should become officers of the Dominion, and their former services had to be taken into account in matters of pension.

Hon. Mr. HUTCHISON said if he had used any unparliamentary expressions he desired to withdraw them.

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THE "DANCING PARLIAMENT"

It being six o'clock **Hon. Sir GEORGE-É. CARTIER** moved that the House adjourn.

Hon. Mr. HOLTON wished to know the reason for adjourning. He asked that the time spent this evening in amusement be made up to the public by the House sitting on Saturday.

Hon. Sir GEORGE-É. CARTIER said unfortunately the leader of the Government was unwell, and had left the House; but before leaving he intimated that the motion to adjourn was to be moved. The Government would do all in their power to make up the lost time in a manner satisfactory to the member for Châteauguay (Hon. Mr. Holton). (*Laughter.*)

Mr. BODWELL objected to the motion for adjournment, and said that this House would gain for itself the name of the "Dancing Parliament."

The motion for adjournment was then carried, and the House rose at six o'clock.