

DISMISSAL OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

Mr. LACROIX (Quebec-Montmorency):

How many letters did Mr. C. N. Dorion, ex-member for Quebec-Montmorency write to the public departments at Ottawa from August 1, 1930, to October 14, 1935, in which he charged political partisanship to secure the dismissal of government employees: (1) Post Office Department; (2) Department of Marine, including the marine agencies at Quebec and Sorel; (3) the harbour commission of Quebec?

Mr. RINFRET:

1. Mr. C. N. Dorion, former member for Quebec-Montmorency, wrote to the Post Office Department in twelve cases charging political partisanship on the part of government employees.

2. Twenty-six. (This number represents charges against twenty-one people).

3. Nil.

QUEBEC HARBOUR COMMISSION

Mr. LACROIX (Quebec-Montmorency):

How many employees of the harbour commission of Quebec were dismissed between August 1, 1930, and October 14, 1935?

Mr. RINFRET: Three hundred and eighty, exclusive of men working on the contract at Wolfe's Cove terminals and who were supplied by the Quebec harbour commissioners. In August, 1930, the average number employed on this contract was 774. By September 17, 1930, the force had been reduced to 106. Staff was then gradually increased to 726 by September 30. By October 15 this number had been increased to 1,246.

JOSEPH DORION

Mr. WERMENLINGER:

1. Was Mr. Joseph Dorion, carpenter and joiner of Charlesbourg, Quebec county, an employee of the Marine department at Quebec?

2. If so, since when?

3. Has he been dismissed?

4. If so, for what reasons?

5. Has he been replaced?

6. If so, by whom?

7. Upon whose recommendation?

Mr. HOWE:

1. Yes.

2. September 15, 1930.

3. Yes.

4. Political partisanship.

5. Yes.

6. Cleophas Rainville.

7. Mr. W. Lacroix, M.P.

J. A. MATHIEU

Mr. WERMENLINGER:

1. Who replaced J. A. Mathieu as post-master of Montmorency village?

2. For what reason was Mr. Mathieu dismissed?

3. Upon whose recommendation?

4. Was an official inquiry held before Mr. Mathieu was retired?

5. If not, why?

6. Is not the department obliged to hold an inquiry before dismissing such an officer?

Mr. ELLIOTT (Middlesex):

1. Arthur Girard.

2. The post office was moved to a location closer to the larger portion of the population and to more spacious and better equipped quarters.

3. Wilfrid Lacroix, M.P.

4, 5 and 6. Reports were obtained from the district director of postal services, Quebec.

ROSAIRE BLOUIN

Mr. WERMENLINGER:

1. Was Rosaire Blouin employed as a signal man at St. Jean, Ile d'Orléans?

2. If so, by whom was he recommended for the position?

3. Is he still so employed?

4. Has he been discharged?

5. If so, for what reason?

6. Upon whose request?

Mr. HOWE:

1. He was employed as signal agent.

2. C. N. Dorion, ex-M.P.

3, 4, 5 and 6. This is a seasonal position and his services were dispensed with at the close of navigation.

GEORGE PREMONT

Mr. WERMENLINGER:

1. Was George Premont of St. Jean, Ile d'Orléans employed as signal man at that place?

2. If so, by whom was he recommended for the position?

3. Is he still so employed?

4. Have his services been dispensed with?

5. If so, for what reason?

6. Who recommended his dismissal?

Mr. HOWE:

1. He was employed as signal agent.

2. C. N. Dorion, ex-M.P.

3, 4, 5 and 6. This is a seasonal position and his services were dispensed with at the close of navigation.

RICHMOND HILL PUBLIC BUILDING SITE

Mr. MULOCK:

1. Did the government purchase land in the village of Richmond Hill for the purpose of constructing a public building thereon?

2. If so, on what date and from whom was the said land purchased?

3. On what street does the land face, how much frontage is there on said street, and what is the depth of said land?

4. What price was paid for the said land?

5. Was this land inspected and valued by any official of the department before the purchase was completed?

6. If so, by whom?