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no savings to live on, and had served successive governments in France for over a quarter of a century. The formal initiative, however, appears to have been taken by the government in Ottawa, using "age" as the pretext.

With reference to the proposed retirement of Mr. Roy, the Secretary of State for External Affairs (Mr. Bennett) sent the following telegram to Mr. Roy on June 22, 1935, marked "Personal and Confidential":

Government has for some time had under consideration enactment of regulations regarding retirement of diplomatic representatives. Under British regulations, which we intend to follow generally in this respect, retirement is usual at sixty, which can be extended in some cases to sixty-five. After considering all the circumstances and notwithstanding fact that no contributions to retirement fund have been made, the Canadian Government is prepared to include in Supplementary Estimates provision for payment to you of an annuity of three thousand dollars beginning July 1st. I trust this will meet with your approval. Very early answer would be appreciated as Supplementary Estimates are being introduced this week. (1)

It will be observed that this message gave Mr. Roy only eight days' notice of his instructed retirement on pension. Mr. Roy naturally felt surprised and somewhat aggrieved. On June 25th he cabled to Dr. Skelton:

In reply to your telegram the government's proposal does not quite meet my approval if my actual salary ceases on the first of July with only one week's notice as I read it in your despatch. . . I could not regularize my official and personal situation here in less than a month. I will have to present official notice of retirement to the French Minister for Foreign Affairs before my successor presents his credentials.

(1) File 109-A-27.