

so notorious that it was not considered necessary to call upon Mr. Mitchell for a defence."

On the 19th of May 1897, Mr. Blair stated that Michael Behan, storeman on the Lachine Canal, and Michael Enright, another official on the Lachine, had been dismissed by his own order, on the request of the members of Parliament from the Montreal district. No investigation was held in this case.

May 19th of the same year Mr. Blair announced that the services of Alexander Stewart, section foreman at the Linwood, Antigonish, were dispensed with. He added: "No investigation was considered necessary, as it was affirmed by Mr. McIsaac, M.P. that he had infringed the rule laid down for the Government employees." The Minister also stated that John Chisholm, section man at Heatherton, had been dismissed on the personal statement of Mr. McIsaac. "There was no investigation." The same announcement was made in respect to Finlay Chisholm, a foreman at James River.

On the same day the Minister announced that a number of employees at St. Flavie had been dismissed at the request of Dr. Fiset, M.P., who said that they had taken an active part in the last election.

On April 14th, Mr. Blair stated that A. D. Davis, collector of tolls on the Beauharnois Canal, had been dismissed "for taking an active and offensive part in the election of June last on the representation of hon. J. I. Tarte. He asked for an investigation but none was promised him "because it was not considered necessary."

On April 21st, Postmaster General Mulock stated that G. Larouche, Postmaster of Dablon, had been dismissed because of political partizanship on a charge made by Mr. Savard, M.P. The minister further stated that the evidence was conclusive and no investigation was necessary.

On the 31st March, Mr. Paterson, Minister of Customs, stated that William McArthur, customs officer at Fenelon Falls, who held also an office in the railways and canals department was dismissed because of active and offensive partizan-

ship. "No investigation was held so far as I am aware" said the Minister.

On April 12th, Mr. Postmaster General Mulock stated that Duncan Crawford, postmaster of Wood Island, P.E.I., was dismissed because he was an active political partizan. "No investigation was necessary" said Mr. Mulock.

"On page 5301 of Hansard, the announcement is made that John Beck, lighthouse keeper at Cape Despair, was dismissed for political partizanship without enquiry.

On May 2nd, Mr. Tarte, announced that he had dismissed Mr. Dagnault, paymaster for St. Maurice division, because he thought it would be in the public interest. There was no investigation.

On March 16th, Mr. Blair admitted that A. Powlie, car inspector at Springhill, was dismissed for political partizanship on the representation of Mr. Logan M.P. There was no investigation.

On March 10th, Mr. Mulock stated that O. Vigneault, postmaster of Kildare had been dismissed for offensive partizanship and that "an enquiry was not considered necessary."

On April 25th, Mr. Paterson, Minister of Customs, stated that Miles Dunn, sub-collector at Margarie was dismissed "for having taken an active political partizan part in the last Dominion elections." He admitted that "no investigation was held."

On June 6th, Mr. Blair stated that Mr. E. W. Woods, postmaster of Welsford, N. B., was dismissed: "There was no investigation in his case as one was really not necessary."

In April 1898, Mr. Fisher explained that the postmaster of St. Tite was dismissed for political partizanship on representation of the member of Parliament for Chicoutimi, another constituency. "No further inquiry being necessary none was held with regard to the charge."

• These are sample statements taken from the record. Others might be quoted that were made in the sessions of 1897 and 1898, and still more during the sessions of 1899 and 1900, but these are sufficient to show the value of the solemn statement made and the obligation taken by the Premier of Canada.