

of his task of advancing and protecting the interests of his country, he is entitled to make representations to the government to which he is accredited on any development that may affect the interests of his own country. It is also recognized that within limits set more by custom than by any definite rule, he may give public addresses designed to increase the friendly feeling towards his own country, as Lord Bryce did so notably while ambassador at Washington, and that he may on occasion communicate to the press to correct what he considers a misstatement of fact on an important matter affecting his country, without, however, entering into a prolonged or acrimonious public controversy. In appropriate measure, the same rules may be taken to apply to consular representatives.

Ordinarily there is a clear line of demarcation between the internal affairs of the country to which a representative is accredited and the affairs of his own state. Issues may arise, however, of such broad and almost universal interest as to present aspects of concern to the people of all countries. I might refer to such issues as have arisen of late in more than one country in Europe, involving discussion regarding the merits of freedom of speech, the democratic form of government or pacific ideals in international policy—issues which of course are a matter of interest and concern in Canada as well. Naturally, in the discussion of any such issues, there is double necessity for caution.

I can say to the hon. member for Cartier that I do not think any occasion has arisen for suggesting the withdrawal from Canada of Doctor Kempff, or other officers of the consulate. The consul-general is a man of long experience in the dominion and of proved friendliness to this country. I am sure he had no intention of intervening in Canadian affairs, and that no further circulation may be anticipated of documents which, while intended to support the attitude of his government, contained material objectionable to large sections of Canadian opinion.

#### QUESTIONS PASSED AS ORDERS FOR RETURNS

##### EXPROPRIATION OF BUILDINGS, MONTREAL

Mr. MERCIER (St. Henri):

1. Has the government completed the expropriation of the buildings erected in the square composed of St. James, Windsor, St. Antoine, and Cathedral streets, in the city of Montreal, province of Quebec?

2. What are the names of the proprietors of the buildings expropriated in said square and the amount paid to each one of them?

3. Have all the buildings acquired by the government, to date, been demolished?

4. If any of the buildings were not demolished, were these properties rented by the government to a third party?

5. If so, to whom, for what period of time, at what rent or on what terms?

Mr. STEWART (Leeds): Return tabled herewith.

##### SOREL TIMBER YARDS—EMPLOYEES

Mr. DUBOIS:

1. What are the names of the supernumerary employees who have worked in the maritime timber yards of Sorel during the months of September, October, and November, respectively, 1933?

2. From what county is each one of them?

3. Who recommended each one of them?

##### CIVIL SERVANTS—DISCHARGED AND SUPERANNUATED

Mr. REID:

1. What was the total number of civil servants and government employees discharged and superannuated under the ruling regarding all employees 65 years and over?

2. What were the numbers discharged and superannuated respectively, in each department of the public service since the order came into effect?

3. How many persons 65 years of age or over, are still in the employ of the government?

4. What are the names of the said persons, and in what respective departments of the public service are they engaged?

##### SUNBURY, N.B., UNEMPLOYMENT CAMP

Mr. MICHAUD:

1. What supplies, if any, for the unemployment relief camp at Sunbury, New Brunswick, were purchased in New Brunswick?

2. From whom were they purchased?

3. Have tenders been called or invited for such supplies?

4. If so, who tendered, and what was the amount of each tender?

##### REVENUE FROM QUEBEC POST OFFICES

Mr. FRASER (Cariboo):

What is the total revenue derived from the 658 post offices in the province of Quebec, specified in sessional paper No. 95, dated January 26, 1934?

##### MOTIONS FOR PAPERS

##### BAGOTVILLE, QUE., POSTMASTER

Mr. CASGRAIN:

For a copy of all correspondence, reports and documents, in connection with the appointment and dismissal of Mr. J. C. Levesque, postmaster at Bagotville, and also for a copy of all correspondence, reports and other documents relating to an inquiry held in connection