

That is absolutely false—

—appointed in his stead. We feel that justice requires the immediate appointment of Capt. Gillies to this command.

Very respectfully yours,
The Inverness, C.B., Liberal-Conservative
Association.

(Sgd.) D. M. CHISHOLM,
President.
(Sgd.) ANGUS R. McDOUGALL,
Secretary.

Mr. BOYCE. I have not heretofore said anything in this House in regard to the question of dismissals. We have listened to a great many complaints from hon. gentlemen opposite, and I must confess that their cant and hypocrisy are absolutely beyond belief. Having been a member of this House for the short period of only eight years, I glance at the benches opposite and I see, from my hon. friend the late Minister of Marine and Fisheries (Mr. Lemieux) down, the faces of hon. gentlemen who, when they occupied seats on this side of the House, stood up and, time after time, voted to retain in their offices men who were guilty of the most flagrant partisan acts and worse. I speak about the late Minister of Marine and Fisheries—

Mr. LEMIEUX. Only for a month.

Mr. BOYCE. Yes, only for one month and some people think that a month too long.

Mr. LEMIEUX. That is longer than being made Solicitor General in the press.

Mr. BOYCE. That is perfectly true and while my hon. friend occupied the office of Solicitor General I do not know that he was regarded as a shining light.

Mr. LEMIEUX. I was there anyway.

Mr. BOYCE. What I was going to refer to was the manner in which the late Minister of Marine and Fisheries hurled his invectives at my hon. friend the Minister of Public Works (Mr. Monk) last night in regard to what he termed the heartless dismissal of the postmaster at Sudbury.

Mr. LEMIEUX. The hon. gentleman has not read 'Hansard,' or if he has read 'Hansard,' he does not understand French. There was no question of the dismissal of a postmaster at Sudbury.

Mr. BOYCE. I understood my hon. friend's statement. My hon. friend referred to the fact that there had been great numbers of the French Canadian race at Sudbury who had been deprived of their offices.

Mr. LEMIEUX. No, my hon. friend is wrong.

Mr. PELLETIER. It can be explained. The hon. gentleman (Mr. Lemieux) did not refer particularly to Sudbury, but he spoke

about French Canadians being dismissed everywhere.

Mr. BOYCE. I had Sudbury in my mind and I will give my hon. friend, who is so solicitous for the French Canadian race when his party is in opposition, the facts as regards Sudbury. There was a postmaster dismissed at Sudbury, that gentleman was of the French Canadian race and he was dismissed from his office just as soon as hon. gentlemen opposite came to occupy the government benches after the election of 1896. Why was he dismissed? He was put out into the cold world, as my hon. friend said last night, with a family of eight children, a newly made widower without the present means of support, without investigation and for a practically unknown cause. When my hon. friend refers to the heartlessness of treating the French Canadian race in that way and to giving the succession of office to that race let me remind him that Mr. Fournier, who was dismissed at Sudbury, was succeeded by a gentleman of the name of Kelly, who, I do not think, belonged to the French Canadian race.

Mr. PROULX. Was he dismissed for partisanship?

Mr. BOYCE. There was no cause alleged.

Mr. PROULX. I understand that he was dismissed for some other reason.

Mr. BOYCE. If you will wait a moment you will hear of something more that will interest you and something in connection with your own vote. Let me further remind the hon. gentleman, the late Minister of Marine and Fisheries, of something in regard to the postmaster at Copper Cliff which was brought to the hon. gentleman's attention after he became Postmaster General. I see he recollects it right well. There was a petition signed by about 500 people of the town of Copper Cliff complaining of the wretched condition and mismanagement of the Copper Cliff post office.

Mr. LEMIEUX. Was it a political offence?

Mr. BOYCE. They informed the Postmaster General that this postmaster had been away from his office for two years. Did the hon. gentleman take any action? He promised consideration and—

Mr. LEMIEUX. Was it Kelly?

Mr. BOYCE. No, his name was not Kelly. I will tell the hon. gentleman his name because the name is written upon the records of the court. I pointed out upon the floor of this House to my hon. friend, who then occupied the position of