

Taylor was a young Scotchman, who came, 20 years ago, at the time of the first organization of the Nova Scotia Railway, and was appointed to a comparatively humble position on the staff. Being a young man of great industry, fair education, and good business ability, he rose step by step, under several successive Governments, until he ultimately attained the position of Superintendent of the Nova Scotia Railway—the highest officer in connection with the management of that undertaking. In that capacity he gave entire satisfaction. When, however, the line between New Brunswick and Nova Scotia was completed, and it became necessary to amalgamate the two railway systems, the officer holding the same position in New Brunswick which Mr. Taylor held in Nova Scotia was, by right of seniority, appointed superintendent, an arrangement in which Mr. Taylor readily acquiesced, thus becoming assistant manager of the Intercolonial Railway. In that position he discharged his duty with great fidelity, but when a new Government came into office, and the staff was rearranged, Mr. Brydges abolished the office of assistant manager—although an officer still held practically the same position. Mr. Taylor, without any fault having been found with him, was called upon by Mr. Brydges to resign his office, which he did under protest. He was then offered his choice of two very inferior positions at a great reduction of salary. As, however, he had a family dependent upon him for their maintenance, even in a comparatively humble way, he had no alternative, and told Mr. Brydges that he had, with great reluctance, come to the conclusion that he would accept one of the offices which he was offered. He was then informed that that office had already been disposed of, and, of course, he had to leave the service. Down to the time of his removal he had paid a part of his salary into the Superannuation Fund, but now, in addition to being persistently refused any employment, he was denied any compensation under the Superannuation Act. It would be seen, therefore, that he had been treated with great injustice and cruelty; but he (Mr. Tupper) believed he had not

obtained redress because he had not pressed his claim on the Minister of Public Works with the same zeal that others would have done under the same circumstances. He had deferred doing so from year to year because he had reason to believe, from his personal interviews with members of the Government, that, if he did not receive employment, he would obtain that consideration which, under the law, he was entitled to. He (Mr. Tupper) believed it would be found from the correspondence asked for, that he had assurances to this effect; and, if the hon. the First Minister reconsidered the case, he would doubtless come to the conclusion that common justice required that Mr. Taylor should, in some manner, be compensated.

Mr. MACKENZIE said there was certainly no charge against Mr. Taylor for misconduct in his office, but, under the rearrangement of the staff which took place, he was selected, for purely business reasons, as one of those who was considered not necessary to retain in the higher positions. The hon. member for Cumberland was mistaken in thinking that Mr. Taylor had paid a considerable sum into the Superannuation Fund. He had only made payments for two years, and as, on leaving the service, he was paid either six or nine months' salary by way of a gratuity—he (Mr. Mackenzie) believed he was paid for nine months—he could not be considered as being at all ill-treated in that respect. He quite admitted that, as soon as some position became vacant which Mr. Taylor was capable of filling, he should get a preference, and he should be glad to take that into account.

*Motion agreed to.*

#### DISMISSAL OF TRAIN DESPATCHER AT TRURO.

##### MOTION FOR CORRESPONDENCE:

Mr. TUPPER moved for all correspondence between the Government and T. M. Boggs, in relation to his dismissal from the office of train despatcher at Truro, on the Intercolonial Railway; together with all correspondence with the General Super-