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in exactly the same position. Those aircraft are in a country whose peace-loving people are not afraid to protect their country when the time comes to do so. In fact, the Saguenay people proved it, and for that matter, so did people from all parts of Canada who do not see the necessity of stockpiling nuclear weapons.

That is why we, the four members for that district, because of representations received from municipal councils and social organizations of that area, are against any storage of nuclear weapons at the Bagotville military airport.

I hope that this request will be duly considered and that before any action is taken, our claims will be looked into and we shall be allowed to discuss the problem with authorities concerned.

Mr. Chairman, the second point I should like to raise has to do with a case which gives an idea of the atmosphere which exists within certain crown corporations. Since the Minister of Transport (Mr. McIlraith) and his parliamentary secretary (Mr. Cantin) are both in the house at this moment, I hope they will take under advisement the case I am going to refer to and that they will take the necessary steps with the C.N.R. to improve the atmosphere which prevails within that crown corporation.

In 1941, a certain Mr. Thomas Tremblay, of Jonquière, was employed as supervisory foreman in that community, a position he held for 13 years, that is until 1954. Now, when it was learned that he would be retiring in eight months, he was relieved of his job as supervisory foreman and assigned to duties as a plain workman. Accordingly, he did not get as large a pension as he would have received as supervisory foreman, the position he held during 13 years.

I wrote several letters about this matter. I must admit that I got polite replies, in French at that, from the president of the C.N.R. In fact, when I saw that he was answering me in French, I wanted to be just as polite and I wrote to him in English. We exchanged letters that way for a while and I feel that this is one way in which we can foster true bilingualism in Canada.

In any case, even though the answers were polite, they were always indefinite, for they resorted to arguments which were mostly unconvincing and even rather unpleasant.

[Mr. Gregoire.]

As a matter of fact, it is an unusual situation for an employee who has worked 35 years for the C.N.R., during which he was foreman-supervisor for 13 years, to find himself in a lower position thus receiving a lower pension and, worst of all, eight months only before his retirement.

Mr. Thomas Tremblay, of Jonquière, has attempted in vain to have his case revised before 1955. I must say that ten letters at least have been exchanged with C.N.R. authorities but that nothing has been done to settle the matter.

Mr. Chairman, while we are studying interim supply, I take this opportunity to submit this case to the house, and I hope that the Minister of Transport will take it into consideration, for I feel that there is a deliberate policy of discrimination directed against some C.N.R. employees in our district.

Mr. Chairman, that is all I wanted to say. Before resuming my seat, may I wish a happy holiday to all the hon. members. We deserve it, as we had to work like slaves during the last few months and go through two sessions and two election campaigns.

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Mr. Willoughby: I rise at this point not to discuss the details of this resolution concerning interim supply but to draw the attention of hon. members of this committee to a specific instance of what I consider to be a great moral obligation on the part of our country to a totally disabled member of my constituency. I wish to bring to the attention of the committee a most unfortunate situation which throughout British Columbia has come to be known as the Doctor Nigel Clark case. I am only going to take a few minutes but I should like to outline very briefly to the committee some of the details of this case.

On January 20 of this year this 32 year old medical man of Lillooet, British Columbia, was called by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. He was advised that a young lad lay injured on the side of a mountain. He responded immediately and was conveyed to the scene of the accident by the R.C.M.P. Unfortunately, after attending the injured lad the doctor himself slipped on the ice, fell 150 feet into a canyon and fractured his neck. He is now totally paralysed from the neck down.

As a married man with five children he is financially destitute. There have been voluntary donations by the medical men of British Columbia but he has now come to the end of