

Prime Minister to say, namely, that there was no intention to retire Mr. Roy at this time."⁽¹⁾

As a result of this contretemps, Mr. Roy did not accept the proposed pension, and refused to resign of his own accord; the item for a pension was therefore withdrawn; and the matter was dropped for the time being. The Prime Minister did not pursue his intention to retire or recall Mr. Roy. Three months later the Bennett Administration was defeated.

The whole question was revived again, however, some three years later, when Mr. Roy had reached the age of 70, his wife was failing in health, and he himself was feeling the burden of infirmity and deafness. On this occasion, being more en rapport with the Prime Minister, Mr. King, and the Minister of Justice, Mr. Lapointe, he was more ready to place himself at Mr. King's "disposal" than he had been with Mr. Bennett. Apparently the subject was privately discussed from time to time in Paris.

In January, 1937, Mr. Roy re-opened the question, in a confidential and personal letter to Mr. King, dated January 19th, in reply to one from the Prime Minister of January 5th. Mr. Roy said:

Your letters are such an inspiration to me - it gives me courage to go on with my work, after twenty-five years service. No one could imagine how unsatisfactory and ungrateful, at times, was my work here from 1930 to 1935. If it had not been for the great affection and confidence I had in Dr. Skelton, I doubt very much that I could have stayed with it.

⁽¹⁾ Ibid. pp.4541 -4547