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A PENSION AS A HANDICAP.

If Rimouski wants Brigadier-General Sir Eugene Fiset as its representative in the House of Commons for the remainder of the present Parliament that is Rimouski's business. If Sir Eugene Fiset has the ambition to sit in the House as Rimouski's deputy and feels strong enough to take upon himself the somewhat arduous activities of an election campaign and the serious responsibilities of a member of the House, he should disencumber himself of the pension of \$6,000 per annum that he is drawing since his retirement from the office of Deputy Minister of the Department of Militia. If he was too spent a man to continue as Deputy Minister in the 50th year of his age, and if in consideration of his state of exhaustion the Government felt warranted in giving him \$6,000 a year pension, he must have become reinvigorated to almost 100 per cent. If he is now ready to take the field against a Conservative candidate in Rimouski, General Fiset has no political opponents who would not be glad to learn that he has come back. In office he was well liked and was considered very capable. So far, though some remarks of his as a possible candidate have been published, we have not heard that he has made any announcement to the effect that he has asked his pension to be stopped. If he considers himself fit enough to earn the sessional indemnity of \$4,000, he must feel that he has thrown off such physical incapacity as his \$6,000 a year pension was meant to be set against. The Liberal voters of Rimouski would surely be more enthusiastic for him if they could welcome him as a champion who had cut loose from a pension of \$6,000 a year in order to represent them in the House of Commons. Even in that constituency he will find the pension a drawback in the competition for votes. Nor will the people of Rimouski render ready credence to the statement he is reported to have recently made, that in office he never approved conscription. To his credit it is to be said that while Vice-President of the Defence Council he was energetic in carrying out war measures. He assuredly showed no disposition to resign office because of disagreement with the Minister of Militia.

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