

Mr. Lapointe said:

I know the government can recall him; a plenipotentiary minister is subject to recall. He has to be persona grata not only to the government that receives him but also of course to the government that sends him to the foreign country. But under the circumstances, especially at this time when the government is at the end of its term of office, just before a general election which may bring into power another government, to send to France a minister representative of that future government does not seem to be the fair thing to do. The man who under such circumstances would go there to replace Mr. Roy would be well advised to buy a round-trip ticket. (1)

Mr. King likewise expressed that view:

Assuming that Mr. Roy is to be retired at some time, however soon or late, I submit that it should not be until after a new parliament has come into being. At that time whatever administration may be in office could indicate its wishes and have them carried out as might be considered necessary. I would certainly feel, however, that if between now and that time an appointment were made to the position of minister in Paris of a person who did not enjoy to the same degree the confidence of a new administration that Mr. Roy has enjoyed, no obligation should or would rest upon a new ministry to retain the services of such a person. (2)

Mr. Bennett declined to recall Mr. Roy, under the new circumstances that had just come to his attention. He said: "Apparently I was wrongly informed with regard to the intentions of Mr. Roy; apparently he does not desire to leave his post, although he has attained the age of sixty-seven." As Mr. Roy had not resigned his post, the item for an annuity was superfluous. Mr. King added: "I must confess to some degree of relief and satisfaction at what I understood the

(1) Ibid. p.4200.

(2) Ibid. p.4204.