

the statement that not one concrete case of dissatisfaction with regard to the expenditure of relief money had been submitted to him. I do not know whether or not any case has been submitted to him directly, but I do know that in one instance twenty-one concrete cases of complaints were submitted to the Department of Labour and I know those complaints were received by the department. I hold in my hand five pages of closely type-written foolscap containing complaints and charges. From my seat in this house, I say that I put my seat at stake to prove these charges.

Mr. PRICE: Will the hon. gentleman say by what authority he makes that statement?

Mr. VENIOT: I do not need to satisfy the hon. gentleman.

Mr. PRICE: You will need to before you get through.

Mr. VENIOT: I make this statement with regard to the charges I have made in this house, that I am prepared to stand by them, at least to the extent of ninety per cent, and to put my seat at stake.

Mr. PRICE: The statements are absolutely incorrect and I have the proof.

Mr. VENIOT: Oh, you don't know what you are talking about; sit down.

Mr. PRICE: I have the proof that they are absolutely incorrect. Is that good enough for you?

Mr. VENIOT: Now, sir—

Mr. BELL (Hamilton): What are the dates?

Mr. PRICE: The statements are absolute bunk and I have the proof right here. I have the proof from the Premier of the province of New Brunswick that your statements are absolutely incorrect. How do you like that?

Mr. VENIOT: I like the voice better than I like the man. I think nothing of the man; the voice is rather sweeter than the hon. gentleman. Now, sir, these statements were laid before the Department of Labour. But let me go back of the statement and remind the house that last session I read seven affidavits which set forth the padding of pay sheets.

Mr. PRICE: You have pulled this stuff long enough.

Some hon. MEMBERS: Sit down.

The CHAIRMAN (Mr. Hanson, York-Sunbury): Order.

Mr. VENIOT: The hon. member for Westmorland has not the courage to deliver a speech. He has not done so since I have been occupying a seat in this house, at least not this session.

Mr. PRICE: Just speak the truth.

Mr. VENIOT: If he can make himself known to his constituents only by means of interruptions, I think it is your duty, Mr. Chairman, to call him down and make him keep his place. As I was saying, last session I read in this house seven affidavits with reference to the cutting out of work on unemployment relief through federal aid under the authority given in the month of September.

Mr. PRICE: And it has been well done.

Mr. VENIOT: Will the hon. gentleman keep quiet?

Mr. PRICE: It has been well done. You have more than is coming to you in Gloucester county.

Mr. VENIOT: I wonder whether my hon. friend from South Essex (Mr. Gott) has any more onions. He might send some over to the hon. gentleman.

Mr. GOTT: Hon. members opposite must all be hungry. The hon. member for Témiscouata has just cried out for steak, while the ex-Postmaster General seeks more onions—an excellent combination used extensively throughout the Dominion of Canada.

Some hon. MEMBERS: Sit down.

An hon. MEMBER: Onions and beefsteak go well together.

Mr. VENIOT: As I was saying, the affidavits in question were personally presented by me to the then acting Minister of Labour, now Minister of Labour, after I had read them in the house, and he refused to take them. He said he would have nothing whatever to do with them; he told me to keep them. He said, in effect, "You keep them and give me the devil to eat to-morrow on the floor of the house". I said I would keep the affidavits since he would not take them. What has resulted since that time? At that time I also stated that two of the men accused in these affidavits of padding pay sheets in connection with federal aid were then under investigation by the provincial government, accused of padding pay sheets for provincial work. The investigation has been completed and the royal commissioner has submitted his report to the local legislature. It appeared in the papers yesterday that the individuals against