

Furthermore, on December 14, 1959, the Consul General from Boston visited Portland and reported that although Canadian shipping into the port has diminished almost to nothing, Mr. La Fleur was providing a useful "answering" service and was helpful in introducing him, the Consul General, to Maine personages and audiences. He therefore recommended that no change be made for another 6 or 12 months.⁹⁷

In any case, apart from the annual report, there was no communication between Ottawa and Mr. La Fleur, and his activities were considered to be of marginal value. The USSEA felt that his information functions could be discharged easily and more effectively by the Boston Consulate General, and in view of these facts and economy measures being enforced by the Canadian government, the USSEA reached the tentative conclusion that Mr. La Fleur's appointment be terminated. On October 5, 1962, the Minister accepted the resignation of the Honorary Vice Consul at Portland, Maine, Mr. A.A. La Fleur.⁹⁸