

**LIBERALS REVIVE****N. ESSEX ELECTION****Paul Morand's Case is Again Discussed****WHY HIS REINSTATEMENT?**

**Mr. Severin Ducharme Makes Pertinent Remarks—Is Supported by Mr. Rowell and Mr. Proudfoot—House to Divide on Certain Estimates.**

For an hour yesterday afternoon the Legislature heard a revival of the exigencies of the Conservative party during the last general election in the riding of North Essex, and the action of Hon. W. J. Hanna, Provincial Secretary, in reinstating Mr. Paul Morand as License Inspector for the district, after his resignation had been required during an investigation by the Public Accounts Committee last session into his business relations with certain hotelkeepers.

It will be remembered that at the time the facts were disclosed that Mr. Morand, acting on behalf of a canning company, of which he was practically the owner, had borrowed certain amounts from Wolf Gangfeller, an ex-hotelkeeper, and from Paul Kirsch, a hotelkeeper. This was declared to be in violation of the rules of the department, and Mr. Morand resigned his position forthwith and before he testified before the Public Accounts Committee. Later in the year he was reappointed, and an explanation was made at the time by Mr. Hanna that this was done in response to a widely signed petition, and following Mr. Morand's application for reinstatement.

**More Than Passing Interest.**

Mr. Severin Ducharme (North Essex) thought the details incident to this renewal of confidence in Mr. Morand a matter of more than passing interest. In asking for a return of the correspondence, he pointed out that Sir James Whitney had promised to separate the administration of the liquor license law from political influence. Mr. Morand had transgressed in that respect and had been obliged to relinquish his position. From what was happening in North Essex prior to the late general election there was a likelihood of Mr. Morand being a Conservative candidate and he was given back his position.

Mr. Hanna, in his most urbane manner, expressed delight that Mr. Ducharme had asked for the correspondence, and for his anxiety that the liquor license administration should remain untarnished, as it had been for the last ten years. Agreeing that the return should be made, Mr. Hanna proceeded to cite the facts, which he thought "were approximately correct," apparently contained in a dossier of papers before him, that Mr. Morand had resigned for an unwitting violation of the rules of the department. Subsequently the department had received a resolution from the License Board asking for Mr. Morand's reappointment, and this was supplemented by a petition from a number of prominent residents in North Essex. The resolution was dated April 29, the petition received on May 4, and on May 28 Mr. Morand was placed back in his position.

**A Serious Transgression.**

Mr. W. Proudfoot (Centre Huron) did not look upon the matter quite as complacently as the Provincial Secretary, and went on to show that Mr. Morand had seriously transgressed the policy of the department, and the evidence of Mr. Eudo Saunders, Chief License Officer, before the committee was to the effect that Mr. Morand's