

GERMAN EMPLOYEE ASKED TO RESIGN

Superintendent of Dredging in
Public Works Depart-
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Canadian Press Despatch.

Ottawa, Feb 14.—August Kastella, mechanical superintendent of dredging for the Public Works Department, whose German birth has aroused some criticism in connection with the agitation against Government employment of men of alien enemy origin, has been asked to resign by Hon. Robert Rogers, but denial is given by the department to rumors that the demand is due to his nationality. It was stated very emphatically by a high official today that such is not the case.

It is learned that Kastella's services have not been satisfactory and that by reason of developments in certain specific cases and irregularities which have been discovered he has been asked to quit. The department would not give details of the matters involved, but stated that they were wholly departmental and that the question of spying did not enter into the case. Kastella has not yet complied with the request and there are rumors that he does not intend to do so.