

AUG. KASTELLA IS DISMISSED

German -Born Supt. of Dredging
Ousted From Federal Service.

August Kastella, who since 1911 has been superintendent of dredging, has been dismissed by Hon. Robert Rogers, following an investigation.

"He has been dismissed not because of his nationality but because his services were unsatisfactory. He has been under suspension," stated the minister of public works.

Kastella is a native born German who was appointed superintendent of dredging after the change of government on the recommendation of a western Ontario member. He took out naturalization papers subsequent to his appointment. He is one of the German born employees whose continuance in the service has been the subject of criticism because of his knowledge of Canadian harbors. It is known that his business transactions have been the subject of inquiry and these led, first to suspension and then to dismissal. Kastella is not in Ottawa and has not received the notice of his dismissal. The report that he has refused to resign is therefore untrue. He will not be allowed to leave the country.