

On the twelfth day of December, 1879, personally appeared before the undersigned, one of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for Kings County, Prince Edward Island, Thomas George Hessian, landing-waiter and searcher for the outport of Georgetown, maketh oath and saith: that on the ninth day of December instant, about the hour of five o'clock in the afternoon, this deponent delivered five barrels of explosive kerosine oil on board of the schooner "M. M. Chase," of Portland, United States, Captain W. S. Beers, master, which oil was removed from the Customs Warehouse at Georgetown for exportation (together with one barrel of kerosine oil, which was allowed to remain on board of said vessel for ship stores, if necessary) out of Canada. And also this deponent testifies that six barrels of this same oil which had been imported in the said schooner M. M. Chase, was then on board for exportation. And that on or about the hour of one o'clock in the forenoon of the tenth day of December following, this deponent found two barrels of said explosive oil on the wharf belonging to McDonald & Westaway, one of which was in possession of one Henry Cains, who appeared near the said package at the time of seizure.

(Signed) THOMAS G. HESSIAN.

Sworn before me the day and year just above written.

(Signed) WILLIAM WIGHTMAN, J.P. for Kings County.

On the twelfth day of December, 1879, personally appeared before the undersigned, one of Her Majesty's Justices in and for Kings County, Prince Edward Island, Mary Grant, wife of Donald Grant, hotel-keeper, of Georgetown, in the Island aforesaid, who maketh oath and saith: that on the ninth day of December instant the deponent purchased from Capt. W. S. Beers, master of the schooner M. M. Chase, of Portland, United States, two barrels of kerosine oil, of a lot in which he, the said Capt. W. S. Beers, offered deponent for sale, for which this deponent paid to said Capt. W. S. Beers the value thereof in cash, and that the said oil was not delivered to her; and at the time of said purchase she was not aware of any restrictions having been placed on kerosine oil.

(Signed) MARY GRANT.

Sworn before me the day and year first above written.

(Signed) WILLIAM WIGHTMAN, J.P.

CUSTOM HOUSE, PORT MULGRAVE, N.S.,
22nd December, 1879.

SIR,—I received a letter from Mr. Inspector Wolf, saying, if not already sent, to send a separate seizure report of the four casks of oil, which I now enclose. He also authorized me to mix enough good oil with seized oil to make it standard test. I have bought a cask of oil to mix with it, but find it requires a large amount of oil to make it 130°.

The seized oil is 122°, and the oil I bought is 135°. As I wrote before to you, it is better to sell the oil as it stands at public auction to the highest bidder, or else I can mix the good, equal parts, and make five casks.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

(Signed) DAVID MURRAY, JR.

J. JOHNSON, Esq.,
Commissioner of Customs, Ottawa.