

should have protected any one whose name it bore; but, in spite of it, I have been summarily dismissed with an utter disregard of that broad principle of right which rewards honest service, and which is the immutable law of a just Government.

I address myself, therefore, directly to yourself to ask that the claim I have preferred may be considered forthwith. viz., that I be paid a year's salary in compensation for my dismissal, and for the injurious effects it has entailed upon me. I have to ask you to make this an official record of the Department.

I am, &c.,

(Signed),

WILLIAM KINGSFORD,
Engineer.

No. 3726.

OTTAWA, 16th Sept., 1880.

SIR,—Referring to your letter of the 20th ult., in which you request an early consideration of your claim to be paid a sum equal to one year's salary as late Engineer-in-Charge of harbours, on the grounds that your engagement with the Department was an annual one, and that you were discharged without due notice. I am directed by the Hon. the Minister to inform you that repeated but unsuccessful search has been made through the records of this Department for any letter or document which might show your engagement to have been an annual one from 1st January, 1877; and that your claim cannot, therefore, be entertained.

I have, &c.,

(Signed),

S. CHAPLEAU,
Secretary.

WM. KINGSFORD, Esq., C. E.,

194 Wilbrod St., Ottawa.

TORONTO, 54 AVENUE ROAD,
25th September, 1880.

SIR,—I have received your letter, as per margin, in which, by instructions of the Minister, you inform me that "repeated but unsuccessful search has been made through the records for any letter or document to show my engagement to have been an annual one from 1st January, 1877;" and that my claim to be paid a year's salary, as I set it forth in my letter of the 1st of March, for the inadequate notice and the loss entailed upon me by so abrupt, unforeseen and painful termination of my nine years' connection with the Department, that this claim cannot be allowed.

I do not entertain the view that no document can be found to establish the annual engagement under which I affirm my services to have been rendered. I refer you accordingly to

1.—57018.

31 January, 1876.—A communication from myself, in which I ask that my engagement be by the year, and my pay fixed at \$300 per month.

2.—76684

9 Nov. 1877.—The pay list of my staff for October, 1877, referred through the usual channel, audited, certified and ordered to be paid. My own account is as follows:

1st January to 31st October, 10 months' pay at \$275.....	\$2,750
Less 9 months pay received at \$250.....	2,250

Balance..... \$500

Being my October pay \$275, and nine months' advance of pay per month, \$25—\$225.

The facts of the case are that early in October, 1877, the Deputy-Minister informed me that in answer to my written application, the then Minister the Hon. Mr. Mackenzie C.