

"Nor did they consider length of service a necessary qualification, as the campaign only lasted about eighteen (18) weeks. Will a Government who treated our Canadian soldiers with so much liberality show less generosity towards a Canadian sailor, who from July 23rd, 1869, to October 15th, 1887, devoted all his energies to the saving of life?

"Although I am a Canadian by birth, and have never swerved in my allegiance to my country, I feel sure that had I become blind in the service of any other nation, excepting this Canada of ours, the Government would have cheerfully and voluntarily granted me a pension from the national treasury sufficient for my proper maintenance for the rest of my life. I am going to Ottawa to consult the Premier in person.

"In the meantime I remain,

"Yours respectfully,

"W. D. ANDREWS,

"*Captain Life-Saving Service.*

"To WILLIAM SMITH, Esq.,

"*Deputy Minister of Marine,*

"*Ottawa, Ont.*"

O God, who reigns in heaven above,
Restore my sight again to me,
That I may tell Thy wondrous love
In every land, on every sea.

