

### Employment of Miss Mary Ford in Post Office Inspector's Office, Kingston.

AUDIT OFFICE, OTTAWA, October 20, 1898.

SIR,—I beg to inform you that I have not received the authority of the Governor in Council for the appointment of Miss Mary Ford as temporary clerk in the office of the Post Office Inspector at Kingston, in which capacity she was paid during the months of May and June last at the rate of \$400 per annum.

Has Miss Ford passed the Civil Service qualifying examination, and if so, when and where did she present herself for examination ?

I am, sir, your obedient servant,

The Deputy Postmaster General.

J. L. McDOUGALL, A.G.

POST OFFICE DEPT., OTTAWA, Nov. 16, 1898.

SIR,—I have to acknowledge your letter of the 20th ultimo, on the subject of the employment of Miss Mary Ford in the Kingston post office.

In reply, I am to say that it was not intended to employ Miss Ford as a clerk in that office, and it was through a misunderstanding that her name was so entered on the pay-list.

The intention was to employ Miss Ford upon miscellaneous duties in the office, and to pay her a per diem allowance therefor, as is done in the case of day labourers.

To avoid misunderstanding, the payment to Miss Ford will be converted into a per diem allowance of \$1.10.

I am, sir, your obedient servant,

The Auditor General.

R. M. COULTER, D.P.G.

AUDIT OFFICE, OTTAWA, February 13, 1899.

SIR,—With reference to your letter of the 16th November last, in explanation of the employment of Miss Ford in the office of the Post Office Inspector at Kingston, I beg to point out that if the miscellaneous duties upon which you say she is employed are such as are usually performed by a temporary clerk, then the appointment should have been made subject to the provisions of the Civil Service Act.

Is Miss Ford a copyist, or otherwise engaged in clerical work in the office ?

I am, sir, your obedient servant,

The Deputy Postmaster General.

J. L. McDOUGALL, A.G.

### Doctor's Certificate at Toronto P. O. paid from the Appropriation.

AUDIT OFFICE, OTTAWA, August 30, 1898.

SIR,—I beg to ask for explanation of a payment of \$6 made to Dr. Adam Lynd, by Cheque 1572 of last year for reporting on three cases of illness at the Toronto post office. I do not know of any expenditure of a similar nature having been made heretofore, and I shall be glad if you will let me know your authority for recognizing the claim in the present instance.

I am, sir, your obedient servant,

The Deputy Postmaster General.

J. L. McDOUGALL, A.G.

POST OFFICE DEPT., OTTAWA, Sept. 3, 1898.

SIR,—I have the honour to acknowledge your letter making inquiry respecting certain payments made to Dr. Adam Lynd, for reports made by him on certain cases of illness in the Toronto post office.

In reply, I am to say that the postmaster of Toronto was instructed to apply to Dr. Lynd for his professional opinion in cases in which the department was not wholly satisfied with the certificates obtained by the employees from their own physicians.

It was only in three cases during the year ended 30th June, 1898, that a recourse to Dr. Lynd was judged to be necessary ; but as his certificate in each case was obtained in the interest of the service, and in addition to other medical opinion paid for by the employees themselves, it was considered that the payment of Dr. Lynd's charges properly devolved on the department.

I am, sir, your obedient servant,

The Auditor General.

W. P. LESUEUR, Acting D.P.G.