

allowed to consider my operations on the River Gananoque, and the waters of the Rideau Navigation as a year's service, I have nearly nine years' service. During this time I have had six days' leave.

In October, 1877, my engagement as Engineer in charge of Harbours, St. Lawrence and Lakes, (Quebec and Ontario) by the then Minister of Public Works, was made an annual engagement, commencing from the 1st of January of that year. From that date my services have been given on this basis.

Since the receipt of the notice which reached me on the 31st December, I have been unremittingly engaged on the preparation of the Annual Reports of the Department of Public Works and the Department of Railways and Canals, a duty fulfilled by me independently of my work as Engineer-in-Charge for seven years. On this occasion the work, which is of a particular and confidential character, exacted unusual labour, care and attention. Hence it has not been possible for me to look for professional employment in the few weeks of interval, or to make any effort out of the Department for another engagement.

I am now and always have been willing to continue my services and perform my duties as a civil engineer, as I have been hitherto acting, or in any other similar capacity in the service of the Government of equal rank and emolument, and I hereby offer to perform such services to the best of my ability.

If the Department does not see fit to accept my offer of continuance, and insists upon its notice being carried into effect, then I have respectfully to say that I claim one year's salary 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.

I have, &c., (Signed) WILLIAM KINGSFORD.

No. 1370.

OTTAWA, MARCH 12TH, 1880.

SIR,—

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 1st instant, asking to be continued as Engineer-in-Charge of Harbours, or in lieu thereof, that in consideration of nine years of official employment, a sum equal to a year's salary be granted to you, and I am to say to you that the matter of your application will be brought to the attention of the Minister of Public Works.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) S. CHAPLEAU,

*Secretary.*

WM. KINGSFORD, ESQ.,  
Engineer-in-Charge, Ottawa.

OTTAWA, 18TH JUNE, 1880.

SIR,—

I beg leave to call the attention of the Department to my letter of the 1st March last, on the subject of my dismissal from the position of Engineer-in-Charge of Harbours, Quebec and Ontario, a position which I have held for the previous nine years. My letter was acknowledged by you on the 12th March, and at the same time I was informed "that the subject will be brought to the attention of the Minister." No further reply has since been received, and accordingly I have again to bring the subject under your notice.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) WILLIAM KINGSFORD.

MAJOR CHAPLEAU,  
Secretary.