

Letters to Sir Leonard Tilley on the same subject :—

CUSTOM HOUSE.

Montreal, 27th September, 1879.

DEAR SIR LEONARD TILLEY.

Pardon me if I trouble you with a personal matter, but as you are the member of the Government most conversant with my career in the Customs, I am under the necessity of asking you to give me what support you think I deserve in regard to any recommendation that may be made to Council by the head of my own Department.

I believe the Hon. Mr. Bowell recognizes that there is no comparison between my salary and rank, and the duties I perform, and he has some intention of improving the two former; but as he may meet with some difficulty in view of the economic desires of the Government, I look to you to prevent the sacrifice of justice to economy, if you think the case warrants better treatment. I hope I am not expecting too much, but I feel that I have been neglected since 1873. I am in the same position to-day that I was when the Hon. Dr. Tupper retired from the Customs Department, in regard to rank and pay, while in regard to the nature and extent of my services in administrative work here. I venture to think, they have certainly had an upward tendency.

I enclose copy of my application for promotion recommended by the Collector—paper A; a memorandum of the opinions of my superiors ament my services here, including favorable ones kindly expressed by yourself—paper B; and, lastly paper C, showing the confidence reposed in my ability to do administrative work by my immediate superior—it, also, shows that in point of capacity, I am held to rank next to the Surveyor. I naturally think that, under the circumstances, there should not be such a contrast between my actual position—its remuneration, and the important help rendered. I am asking for double my present salary—namely for \$2000 per annum. My chief gets \$4000; the Surveyor, \$2,400; I get \$1000!

Yours faithfully,

(Signed), W. J. O'HARA.

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OFFICE OF COLLECTOR OF CUSTOMS.

Montreal, 12th September, 1879.

Mr. W. J. O'Hara is hereby authorized to act for me during my absence from the Port of Montreal, to-morrow, and on such days as the Surveyor is not present, and to sign his name as Acting Collector.

(Signed),

W. B. SIMPSON.

Collector.