

letter, all that has been done is to refer my claim for a technical legal opinion, and, although six weeks have elapsed, a case so simple and plain remains without settlement or result.

I have my rights as a British subject, and as a Canadian citizen. These rights I shall not patiently see violated if I have to appeal to the highest authority where redress can be obtained. By virtue of these rights I ask that justice be done me and an immediate settlement be made.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) WILLIAM KINGSFORD.

HON. H. L. LANGEVIN,
Minister Public Works,
Ottawa.

Toronto, 10th November, 1880.

SIR,—I beg leave to enclose for your information, as first minister of the Crown, copies of the correspondence between the present Minister of Public Works, Hon. Hector L. Langevin, and myself, which has taken place with regard to the claim preferred by me following to my dismissal from the position in the Public Works I held for eight years as Engineer in charge of Harbours in Ontario and Quebec.

I take this course from the unjust treatment I am receiving from the hands of Mr. Langevin, so that in case of the event of my being forced to appeal to the justice of the House of Commons you will not be without knowledge of the circumstances under which this appeal will be made.

I am, &c.,

(Signed), WILLIAM KINGSFORD.

Right Hon. SIR J. MACDONALD,
First Minister.

Ottawa, Nov. 15th, 1881.

SIR,—I am desired by the Right Hon. Sir John Macdonald to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. enclosing copy of correspondence between the Minister of Public Works and yourself.

I am sir, &c.,

(Signed), FRED. WHITE.

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

No. 4571.

Ottawa, 15th November, 1880.

SIR,—I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 9th inst., and to state that the Hon. the Minister of Justice to whom, as you were informed on the 14th October, the matter had been submitted, not having yet forwarded his opinion on your claim in connection with your late position as Engineer in charge of Harbor works, has been again communicated with by this Department and requested to give his early attention to the subject.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) F. H. ENNIS,
Secretary.

WM. KINGSFORD, Esq., C. E.