

CUSTOMS, ST. THOMAS, 12th November, 1879.

The Commissioner of Customs, Ottawa.

SIR,—As regards the oil entered by St. Thomas Oil Refining Co., and referred to in your telegram of yesterday, I beg to say that it was only inspected and stood test to 136 degrees.

It was imported in a tank, and afterwards by the Company barrelled. We had no oversight of barrelling or disposition.

I have the honor to be, Sir, your most obedient servant,

(Signed) EDWARD DUNHAM.

19th November, 1879.

The Collector of Customs, St. Thomas, Ont.

SIR,—Adverting to your letter of the 12th instant, reporting *re* fire-test of oil imported by the St. Thomas Oil Refining Company, I beg leave to request that you will be good enough to inform the Company that they are in danger of having the oil seized, unless they are careful to have them branded, although the oil may have been tested in bulk.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

J. W. PEACHY,
For Commissioner of Customs.

CUSTOM HOUSE, PORT OF STANSTEAD,
19th November, 1879.

J. JOHNSON, Esq.,
Commissioner of Customs, Ottawa.

SIR,—I forward per express this day, to your address, a small bottle of kerosine oil. I find that very little of the oil intended to be imported here will stand the test required by law, and am told the same oils stand the test required when inspected at other ports. My object in forwarding this, is to have it tested by a competent inspector, that I may know whether my mode of testing is correct. Please inform me of the result.

I have the honor to be, Sir, your most obedient servant,

(Signed) C. S. CHANNEL, *Collector.*

25th November, 1879.

The Collector of Customs, Stanstead, P.Q.

SIR,—Having submitted to the Department of Inland Revenue. the sample of oil submitted with your letter of the 19th instant, this Department is informed that a flash obtained at 122 degrees.

You will please not pay any attention to such statements as people make about difference of action at other ports, it only gives trouble, while it is not found correct in one case out of one hundred.

If any one will give you the name, date, and port of entry, all well otherwise you should not listen to anything of the kind.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

(Signed) J. JOHNSON.