

on the part of the importer of the change, and as the difference was so small, and found heretofore safe, the importer asks a favor, the privilege of entering now the oil.

I have the honor to be, Sir, your obedient servant,  
(Signed) H. H. COLLIER.

OTTAWA, 18th July, 1879.

M. F. MAGURE, St. Catharines, Ontario.

SIR,—Adverting to your application of the 13th ultimo, for permission to enter five barrels of coal oil, I beg leave to state, it is utterly impossible for any one in the Department to assume the responsibility of allowing explosive oil to go into consumption in the face of the present law. The party doing so would be held liable for all damages that might be caused by such oil.

I have the honor to be, Sir, your obedient servant,  
(Signed) J. JOHNSON.

Referred to the Collector of Customs, St. Catharines, for enquiry, how this party could keep coal oil in Canada so long without entry, and also, as to whether or no it has been tested.

CUSTOM HOUSE, PORT OF PRESCOTT, 16th June, 1879.

The Commissioner of Customs, Ottawa.

SIR,—One of our merchants, N. Willard, has about twenty barrels of coal oil which he wishes to import as soon as possible.

There is no one here who has been authorized to inspect petroleum at this port. Can one of our officers be authorized at once.

The Surveyor of this port is the officer who has usually examined oil coming in here under the old law.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,  
H. D. JESSUP, *Collector*.

OTTAWA, 27th June, 1879.

The Collector of Customs, Prescott, Ontario.

SIR,—In reply to your letter of the 16th instant, respecting inspection of petroleum, I have to instruct you to authorize the Surveyor, or any competent officer under you, to gauge and test that article on importation.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,  
(Signed) J. JOHNSON.

CUSTOMS, SUMMERSIDE, 25th June, 1879.

JAMES JOHNSTON, Esq.,  
Commissioner of Customs, Ottawa.

SIR,—I am anxious to obtain information in reference to the inspection of petroleum.

Hitherto at this port the first clerk has attended to the testing, but under the new Act it would appear that it is to be performed by a person duly authorized by the Customs Department.

It would seem that an instrument is required in order to find the specific gravity of the oil, which article has not been supplied; we have a pyrometer, but the out-ports in the country are entirely without any appliance for carrying out the provisions of the Inspection Act.

I will be glad to receive your instructions in regard to these matters.

Very truly, your obedient servant,  
CHARLES W. STRONG, *Collector*.