

Mr. Collector Simpson transmitted the above with a strong recommendation, stating that he had in different and many ways brought the applicants case before the Department. He considered it a great injustice, the retaining the services of so talented a man at the miserably small stipend of \$1000, *while other officers in much inferior positions were* receiving much higher salaries. The late Minister promised to remedy this repeatedly, but never did do anything for Mr. O'Hara. There is no doubt Mr. O'Hara with his qualifications, his knowledge of Customs law and practice could do better in some of the Mercantile Houses of this city; and unless something is done for him at once, the Department will probably lose his services which he (Mr. Simpson) would deplore as a serious loss to the Department. He trusted, therefore, the Government would grant Mr. O'Hara a salary adequate to his position, and rank, in accordance therewith.

4th March, 1879.

CUSTOM HOUSE, MONTREAL,
3rd June, 1879.

MY DEAR SIR,

In the hope which you were good enough to inculcate, I ask leave to refer to my application for promotion and increase of salary; and, in order to strengthen your hands when recommending my claims in the Council, I enclose herewith memoranda which will show, to some extent, the nature of the services I have been rendering here for years, unknown, I must presume, to the Government—since I have been left to plod away so long in obscurity and neglect.

An impartial consideration of the facts of my case will be found, I trust, to warrant my request for promotion to the position I have been *actually* filling during all these years—namely that of sub—or Deputy-Collector.

In my official application, I refrained from suggesting any figures as to salary, supposing that both yourself and the Government would recognize that the position was worth at least \$2000. To be in keeping with my work and wants, this is certainly the smallest increase, I can reasonably expect. I make this request with full knowledge and appreciation of the desire of the Government to economize here, especially owing to the large increase of expenditure under the administration of 1873-78.

I have had some share in pointing out to what that increase is attributable and in thinking out a preliminary plan of reduction; and will, no doubt, if I remain here, have much to do in helping into operation any scheme of economy and reform that may be adopted. But, I cannot believe that the Government