

considered a yearly one, at a salary equal to that above mentioned, including the sum of \$300, or in all, \$3,300. My impression is that there must be some record of this in the Department, and that Mr. Trudeau will also recall it.

I am, yours faithfully,

HON. H. L. LANGEVIN,

Minister of Public Works, Ottawa.

(Signed),

A. MACKENZIE.

OTTAWA, 27th September, 1880.

MY DEAR MR. MACKENZIE,—I am in receipt of your letter of the 25th inst., relative to the position which Mr. Kingsford occupied in the Department of Public Works when you presided over it.

I shall give it my best attention, and you may be sure I shall respect any engagement which you may have made in regard to Mr. Kingsford.

I remain,

My dear Mr. Mackenzie,

Yours, very truly,

THE HON. ALEX. MACKENZIE, M.P.,

(Signed),

HECTOR L. LANGEVIN.

Toronto.

TORONTO, 11th Oct., 1880.

SIR,—I have to call your attention to my letter of the 25th Sept., which remains without acknowledgment or notice.

I am, &c.,

MAJOR CHAPLEAU,

(Signed),

WILLIAM KINGSFORD.

Secretary Public Works.

No. 4113.

OTTAWA, 14th Oct. 1880.

SIR,—I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th inst., drawing attention to your communication of the 25th ult., in which you request a reconsideration of your claim in connection with the position lately held by you of Engineer in Charge of Harbours.

In reply, I have to inform you that, immediately upon the receipt of the latter, it and the other documents in the case were submitted to the Minister of Justice, whose opinion, when received by this Department, will be duly communicated to you.

I have, &c.,

WM. KINGSFORD, ESQ., C.E.,

(Signed),

S. CHAPLEAU,

Toronto.

Secretary.

TORONTO, 9th Nov., 1880.

SIR,—I have again to address you, as Minister of Public Works, on the subject of the claim I have made, owing to my dismissal on the last day of the year from the position I held in the Department of Public Works for so many years.

Six weeks have elapsed since I placed in your hands evidence to prove that the statement of the Secretary of the Department of the 16th September that, after repeated and unsuccessful search, no document can be found to prove my engagement to be an annual one, is at variance with fact. I gave you in my letter the numbers and dates of documents which "the repeated and unsuccessful search" had failed to make known. I also applied on the subject to the Hon. Mr. Mackenzie, the Minister of Public Works, before the late division of the Department, who established the conditions of my service.