

being known to, or properly appreciated by the Department; but he hopes, now that they have been authoritatively established, that recognition, although tardy, may be soon followed by tangible reward to one who has long been patient under hard work, performed without personal credit, for very poor pay.

W. J. O'HARA.

December 15th, 1879.

Copy of my Official Application to the Honorable MacKenzie Bowell, Minister of Customs, praying for promotion and pay—adequate to the position I have virtually filled for years without proper recognition or reward:—

CUSTOM HOUSE, MONTREAL,
4th March, 1879.

SIR,

I beg hereby to make application for promotion to the position of Assistant or Deputy-Collector of Customs at the Port of Montreal. I base my prayer on the fact that I have performed the duties of such a position for nearly ten years, without suitable recognition or adequate remuneration by the Department, but with every satisfaction, I have reason to believe to my immediate superior (the Collector) *under two incumbencies*.

I entered the Service in 1866, and the Collector's office in 1868, and since 1869 have rendered more or less assistance in the important administrative work of the office, while sharing largely its burden of mental labour and actual routine. Under the Department as constituted prior to the Autumn of 1873, I had some ground to hope that my services would gradually come to be recognized and rewarded; but, since that time, I have remained in forgetfulness and obscurity, and, although my situation did not improve in rank or pay, it did not, I venture to think, decrease in labour or usefulness.

Officers of Customs in the United States rendering services similar to mine are called "Deputy-Collectors" (there are several at the large ports); and it is scarcely necessary to say they are remunerated in accordance with the positions they fill; not, as in my case for years, required to assist in important administrative work at a clerk's rank and salary. I trust that my case will now be looked into and considered, and I have no doubt the result will shew that compliance with my prayer will be no more than an act of tardy justice, which I shall nevertheless appreciate as coming at a time when, perhaps, most needed, and be grateful for in word and deed, as in duty bound.

I have the honor to be &c., &c.,

(Signed), W. J. O'HARA.