

had been good enough to accede to my request that my engagement should be annual, and had so made it at the rate of \$275 per month to date, from the 1st January, 1877. In accordance with this authority, the engagement was affirmed in the next pay list.

I refer you for the correctness of this statement to Mr. Trudeau, who was at that period Deputy-Minister of Public Works.

I cannot but think that every obligation of official duty should have dictated to the Minister of Public Works a reference to the Deputy at that date, without my calling upon him to take this course, so that my true position in the Department could have been established, and justice and fair dealing dealt out to my long service.

To prevent further misrepresentation with regard to the tenure on which I held my position, when I was summarily dismissed on the last day of the year and my duties assigned to others, I addressed myself on the subject to the Hon. Mr. Mackenzie, the late Minister of Public Works. He tells me that in accordance with my application, he has been good enough to write to the present Minister and has stated that he made my engagement an annual one, and considered it a permanent arrangement, although circumstances prevented it being made so by Order-in-Council; and he cannot but think that some memorandum to that effect may be found in the Departmental records.

I have, therefore, to ask a reconsideration of the decision communicated in your letter, on the ground that the reason assigned for the refusal to pay what I hold to be my just demand is at variance with fact.

As seven months have elapsed since my first application was made, although the documents I name and the reference I suggest have been always available to the Minister, I feel justified in adding the request that a reply be given me forthwith.

I have, &c.,

MAJOR CHAPLEAU,

(Signed),

WILLIAM KINGSFORD,

Secretary Public Works.

The following is the text of the letter which Mr. Mackenzie was good enough to write on my behalf to Sir H. Langevin, when I addressed myself to him on the subject. That I am enabled to give it here is owing to Mr. Mackenzie having permitted me to take a copy of it. I cannot sufficiently express the deep sense I entertain of Mr. Mackenzie's considerate and kind treatment of me in this emergency. I feel under deep obligations to him. Is it an impropriety to say that his conduct to me was that which those who know him best, would have most expected.

TORONTO, Sept. 25, 1880.

MY DEAR SIR,—Mr. Kingsford has requested me to state to you what took place in the Department of Public Works regarding the tenure of his engagement as Engineer-in-Charge of the Harbours of Ontario and Quebec. I can only, at such a remote time from the transaction, state what the conclusion was which was arrived at. Mr. Kingsford applied for an increase of salary and permanent employment as a member of the Civil Service. He had been receiving \$250 a month, and a special allowance of \$300 for completing the Annual Report.

We did not at the time see our way to embrace him and others in a similar position in the Civil Service, for reasons I need not refer to. But it was agreed that his engagement should otherwise be considered as permanent as possible; that it should be con-