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Ontario Wheel Co., Gananoque, Ont.

Gananoque, Ont.

June 17, 1889

My Dear Sir John

The bearer, Mr. T.P. Keeler of East Northumberland, who has relatives in my town, called on my this am on his way to Ottawa where he goes to see you in reference to an appointment on the Murray Canal and asked me for a letter of Introduction which I cheerfully give him & will be glad if you can meet his wishes.

I Am Yours Faithfully,

Geo. Taylor

Rt. Hon. Sir John A. McDonald, Premier of Canada

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June 17 1889; Geo. Taylor, Gananoque

Introducing Mr. T.P. Keeler

Written upside-down “Keeler, Murray Canal”

Note:

Thomas Phillips Keeler was a son of Joseph Keeler (1824-1881) and Octavia Phillips of Colborne. His father had been a key proponent of the Murray Canal but died before it got started. His mother, Octavia, did the sod turning instead of Joseph.

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On the side: Copy to Railways and Canals 12 December 1899

On a Memorandum dated 21 November, 1899, from the Minister of Railways and Canals representing that certain charges have been made against the Superintendent of the Murray Canal, Mr. T.P. Keeler, bearing on his management of the Canal, and his conduct in relation to his official duties, as to which it seems desirable that an investigation should be made under oath.

The Minister recommends that he be authorized to appoint Mr. G.G. Ruel, the Law Clerk of the Department of Railways and Canals, a Commissioner for the purposes of such investigation, such appointment to be under the provisions of Chapter 115 of the Revised Statutes of Canada, carrying with it the powers conferred by the said Act.

The Committee submit the foregoing for Your Excellency's approval.

Signed: Wilfred Laurier

Approved Dec. 11, 1899 Minto

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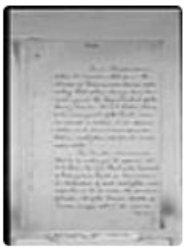

2 digital object(s)

Appt [Appointment] of G.G. Ruel as Commr [Commissioner] to investigate charges against T.P. Keeler Supt [Superintendent] of Murray Canal - Min R and C [Minister of Railways and Canals] 1899/11/21

Order in Council number: 1899-2440
Date introduced: 1899-11-21
Date considered: 1899-12-07
Date approved: 1899-12-11
Reference: RG2, Privy Council Office, Series A-1-a. For Order in Council see volume 789, Reel C-3775 Access Code 90
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On the side: Copy to Railways and Canals, 20 January 1900; Auditor General 22 January 1900

On a Memorandum dated 15th January, 1900, from the Minister of Railways and Canals, recommending that, in order to carry out the enquiry into certain charges made against the Superintendent of the Murray Canal, to which end and Order in Council, dated 11 December, 1899, gave him authority to appoint the Law Clerk of the Department of Railways and Canals as Commissioner, authority be now given for the appropriation of the sum of $400 from the vote for "Unforeseen Expenses" in order to provide funds for the said investigation.

The Committee submit the same for Your Excellency's approval.

Signed: Wilfred Laurier

Approved: January 17, 1900

Privy Council Minutes, 16 January – 25 January 1900 (R.G. 2, Series 1, Volume 820)

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2 digital object(s)

Murray Canal appropriating $400 from unforeseen expenses to provide funds for investigation of charges against superintendent of - Minr R/ws and C. [Minister of Railways and Canals] 1900/01/15

Order in Council number: 1900-0125
Date introduced: 1900-01-16
Date considered: 1900-01-15
Date approved: 1900-01-17
Reference: RG2, Privy Council Office, Series A-1-a. For Order in Council see volume 792, Reel C-3776 Access Code 90
Found in: Archives / Orders-in-Council

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On the side: Copy to Railways & Canals April 5 1900; Auditor General April 6 1900

On a Memorandum dated 23rd March, 1900, from the Minister of Railways and Canals representing that under an Order in Council, dated 11 December, 1899, and in pursuance of the Act in that regard, Chapter 115 of the Revised Statutes of Canada, a Commissioner has been appointed to investigate certain charges preferred against Mr. Thomas P. Keeler, Superintendent of the Murray Canal, reflecting on his conduct as such Superintendent, and management of the canal.

The Minister further represents that such investigation was duly held and evidence was taken under oath, Mr. Keeler being duly represented by Counsel, and the report of the Commissioner has been received, shewing it to have been proved that in certain directives thee has been abuse of his position by Mr. Keeler, to his own advantage, and to the Governments pecuniary detriment; specifically, in the undue charging for horse and vehicle in trips taken over the Canal, in the employment of Government labourers for his own domestic purposes, in the use of Government coal for the heating of his private residence, etc.

The Minister observes that the investigation appears to have been conducted in a most fair and impartial manner, and with every desire to afford Mr. Keeler the benefit of any doubt that might exist., but the Minister feels that, though, perhaps, no wilfully criminal act, or intentional wrong doing has been committed by Mr. Keeler, his acts, nevertheless, have been of a character highly reprehensible in one occupying the responsible position he was filling, and that it is not desirable in the public interest that he should continue in the employment of the Government.

The Minister accordingly recommends that Mr. Keeler be dismissed.

The Committee submit the foregoing for your Excellency's approval.

Signed: Wilfred Laurier

Approved: Apr 8, 1900

Reference:

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Privy Council Minutes, 29 March – 3 April 1900 (R.G. 2, Series 1, Volume 829)

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3 digital object(s)

Dismissal Thomas P. Keeler, Supt [Superintendent] Murray Canal - Min. R. and C. [Minister of Railways and Canals] 1900/03/23

Order in Council number: 1900-0757
Date introduced: 1900-03-24
Date considered: 1900-03-31
Date approved: 1900-04-03
Reference: RG2, Privy Council Office, Series A-1-a. For Order in Council see volume 797, Reel C-3779 Access Code 90
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