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The Committee of Council respectfully recommend that the Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia be informed that this Government is giving its most earnest consideration to the project for the construction of the Pacific Railway, an outline of which was given in the speech delivered by Mr. Mackenzie at Sarnia, on the 25th November, a scheme which they believe will be acceptable to the whole Dominion, including British Columbia, and that they hope to be able within a short time to communicate more definitely with that Province on the subject.

Certified.

(Signed,) W. A. HINSWORTH,  
Clerk, Privy Council.

(Copy No. 96.)

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,  
24th November, 1873.

SIR,—I have the honor to enclose a further minute of my Executive Council referring to the non-fulfilment by the Dominion Government of the 11th Article of the terms of Union of this Province with Canada.

In accordance with the advice of my Ministers, expressed in the minute, I beg you to be pleased to lay before His Excellency the Governor-General, and to be good enough to bring to His Excellency's attention, the previous minutes of my Executive Council on the same subject, which were forwarded for his consideration in my despatches, No. 67 and 68, 26th July last, the latter of which conveying a protest from this Government on the failure of the Dominion Government to secure the commencement within two years from the date of Union, of the construction of a Railroad from the Pacific towards the Rocky Mountains as provided in the 11th Article of the Terms of Union, is yet unanswered; and to move His Excellency to communicate to this Government, in whatever manner he may deem advisable, in time to meet the requirement of the desire indicated by my Ministers, the course intended to be taken by the Dominion in fulfilment of the 11th Article of the Terms of Union of this Province with Canada.

I have, &c.,  
(Signed,) JOSEPH W. TRUTCH.

*COPY of a report of a Committee of the Honorable the Executive Council, approved by His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, on the 22nd day of November, 1873.*

The Committee of Council having had under consideration a memorandum from the Honorable the Provincial Secretary, dated 19th November, 1873, setting forth the facts—

That the Government of British Columbia has protested against the non-fulfilment by the Dominion Government of the 11th Article of the Terms of Union.

That beyond the acknowledgment of the receipt, no reply has been made by the Dominion Government to the despatch conveying the protest.

That the Government of British Columbia, looking at the actual condition of affairs, felt compelled to await the action of the Parliament of Canada, expected shortly to meet, and which did meet at Ottawa on the 23rd of October last past.

That the Parliament of Canada has been prorogued not to meet until February next, without making provision for the construction of the Pacific Railway.

That the Legislative Assembly of the Province stands called to meet at Victoria on the 18th day of December next, and,

That the non-fulfillment by the Dominion Government of the Terms of Union