

With regard to the other claims and the other sections, my general report will contain the suggestions concerning them, but you will understand on going through the record, that the report will necessitate prolonged labour, and that it would be unjust as well as imprudent to delay the part which contains this preliminary report and the lines of which are well defined.

The whole respectfully submitted.

(Signed) CHAS. LANGELIER.

Commissioner.

QUEBEC, 19th November 1889.

Form of Receipt.

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.....1889.

Received this day from the Government of the Province of Quebec, in discharge of Messrs. MacFarlane & Son, the sum of.....¹⁰⁰ dollars in full payment of all accounts or claims to the.....1889, for.....day's work of men and horses, workmen's board, materials furnished, journeys, forge work, joiner's work, in connection with the construction of the Baie des Chaleurs Railway, section.....

(Signature).....

Witness,.....

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COPY of the Report of a Committee of the Honourable the Executive Council, dated the 23rd November, 1889, and approved by the Lieutenant-Governor, on the 25th November, 1889.

No. 606.

Concerning the Baie des Chaleurs Railway Company

The Honourable the Commissioner of Public Works, *ad interim*, in a report bearing date the 23rd of November instant, 1889, sets forth:—

That by an Order in Council, No. 488, of the 3rd of October last, it was decreed that an enquiry should be held to establish: 1. The amount legitimately due on various outstanding claims arising from the construction of the Baie des Chaleurs Railway; 2. All complaints made or to be made against the said company or its representatives, by reason of works of a defective character or contrary to the general interests of the region interested; and that, for the purpose of the said enquiry, Mr. Charles Langelier, advocate, of the city of Quebec, was, by the same Order in Council, named Commissioner to conduct and direct the said enquiry;

That on the 19th November last the said Commissioner, Mr. Charles Langelier, sent in a first report, showing that he has held the enquiry with which he was charged, that he has heard all the interested parties who came forward, and that he is preparing a more detailed report; but, having reason to apprehend a repetition of the strikes and troubles that had already broken out if the workmen and furnishers are not paid within the shortest possible delay, he has deemed it his duty to make a preliminary report to recommend the Government in the interests of public order and to prevent the fresh troubles that threaten to arise, to take immediate steps to secure the payment of all the claims connected with the construction of the portion of the Baie des Chaleurs Railway comprised between Metapedia and the River Cascapedia;

That to the said report is annexed a list of these claims for sections H and G, as well as the other sections to the westward; which claims, with the exception of