

The undersigned further reports that by several Orders in Council in that behalf the necessary public lands of the North-West Territories and Province of Manitoba along the line of the said railway have been withdrawn from sale and settlement, pending the appropriation thereof for the purposes of the said railway; and the route of the line of railway through Manitoba, the North-West Territories and British Columbia having been now defined by Orders in Council, it is advisable that the necessary appropriations should be made, and that the Government of British Columbia should be called upon to convey to the Dominion Government such extent of public lands in British Columbia as has been above specified. The undersigned therefore recommends that all public lands in the Province of Manitoba and in the North-West Territories within twenty miles on each side of the said line of Railway be set apart for the purposes of the Canadian Pacific Railway, and be appropriated in such a manner as the Dominion Government may deem advisable in furtherance of the construction of the said railway. The undersigned further recommends that the Secretary of State be authorized on behalf of this Government to inform the Government of British Columbia as to the route of the line of railway, notifying them that all public lands in the Province of Manitoba and in the North-West Territories, within twenty miles on each side of the line, have been set apart as above mentioned, and to request that Government, in accordance with their agreement in that behalf, to convey to the Dominion Government in trust, to be appropriated in such manner as the Dominion Government may deem advisable in furtherance of the construction of the said railway, a similar extent of public lands along the line of railway throughout its entire length in British Columbia, and to make good to the Dominion from contiguous public lands the quantity of land (if any) which may be held under pre-emption right or by Crown grant within the limits of the tract of land in British Columbia, to be so conveyed to the Dominion Government.

Respectfully submitted,

A. MACKENZIE, *Minister of Public Works.*

*Copy of a Report of a Committee of the Honorable the Privy Council, approved by His Excellency the Governor General in Council, on the 3rd September, 1873.*

On a report dated 31st August, 1878, from the Honorable the Minister of Public Works stating that by the eleventh clause of the agreement under the terms of which the Province of British Columbia entered the Dominion of Canada the Government of British Columbia engaged to convey to the Dominion Government, in trust to be appropriated in such manner as the Dominion Government might deem advisable in furtherance of the construction of the Canadian Pacific Railway an extent of public lands along the line of railway throughout its entire length in British Columbia (not, however, exceeding twenty (20) miles on each side of the said line) equal to the area which might be appropriated for the same purpose by the Dominion Government from the public lands of the North-West Territories and the Province of Manitoba; the conditions of the agreement further providing that the quantity of land held under pre-emption, right or by Crown grant within the limits of the tract of land in British Columbia to be so conveyed to the Dominion Government should be made good to the Dominion from contiguous public lands.

That by several Orders in Council in that behalf the necessary public lands of the North-West Territories and Province of Manitoba along the line of the said railway have been withdrawn from sale and settlement, pending the appropriation thereof for the purpose of the said railway; and the route of the line of railway through Manitoba, the North-West Territories and British Columbia having been now defined by Orders in Council it is advisable that the necessary appropriation should be made, and that the Government of British Columbia should be called upon to convey to the Dominion Government such extent of public lands in British Columbia as has been above specified.