

Maddison's Brook, and Otter Lake, this would pass through the Iron Mines in the most convenient position.

On the tracing which accompanies this letter, (made from Mr. Fleming's plan) I have shewn these three Lines, and beg to state that on behalf of my principals, I am prepared to construct either Line that may after more mature consideration be preferred by the Government. And if you express a preference for either route, I will immediately complete the survey thereon and lay before you all the information I can obtain, in order that a just conclusion may be arrived at.

I have at the present time to request your most serious consideration to the great benefits that would arise, both in regard to the progress of the work and the interest of my Principals if an official sanction were given to those portions of the route from the New Brunswick boundary to the Forks, and from Truro to the Ingouish River, (which have never been in any degree questioned,) as I would then secure and utilize the labor that is now being discharged from the Pictou Line, and finish these portions of the work before the approaching Winter. In view of the great amount of work that has to be done during the three remaining seasons the contract allows, and the great scarcity of labor arising from the re-opening of extensive Railways and Public Works, in New Brunswick, Canada, and the United States, which scarcity will be greatly intensified by the commencement of the Intercolonial Railway beyond the boundary, I cannot too earnestly impress upon you the advisability of the immediate approval of the course I venture most respectfully to urge upon you.

I have the honor to be,

Your most obed't servant, &c.,

(Signed),

C. H. GRANT.

Provincial Secretary's Office, Halifax, June 29th, 1867.

SIR,—

I have the honor to inform you, in reply to your letter of the 29th, in reference to the Truro and Moncton Railway, that the Government cannot entertain your proposal.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Signed),

CHARLES TUPPER.

[This letter was only received on the 4th of July.]

July 2nd 1867.

SIR,—Not having received any reply to my letter of the 26th, on the subject of the Moncton and Truro Railway, and presuming that the delay is caused by the transfer of Railway matters to the General Government of the Dominion of Canada, I have most respectfully to request that you will take the necessary proceedings to ensure my having a definite answer as soon as possible. I am the more anxious for this from having secured the services of Engineers and Contractors, who are ready to actively commence the work.

I am, Sir, your obedient Servant,

Hon. the PROVINCIAL SECRETARY, }
Province of Nova Scotia.

(Signed)

C. H. GRANT.