

— No. 11. —

(No. 102.)

COPY of a DESPATCH from His Grace the Duke of *Newcastle*, K. G., to Lieutenant-Governor the Honourable *Arthur H. Gordon*.

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Duke of *Newcastle*,
K. G., to Lieut.
Governor Hon.
A. H. Gordon.
3 November 1862.
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Sir,

Downing-street, 3 November 1862.

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Despatch, No. 102,* of the 4th October, forwarding memoranda agreed to by the Delegates of Canada, New Brunswick, and Nova Scotia, at the late Conference held at Quebec, on the subject of the Intercolonial Railway.

I have, &c.

(signed) *Newcastle*.

— No. 12. —

(No. 105.)

COPY of a DESPATCH from Lieutenant-Governor the Honourable *Arthur H. Gordon* to His Grace the Duke of *Newcastle*, K. G.

No. 12.

Lieut. General
Hon. A. H. Gor-
don to Duke of
Newcastle, K. G.
13 October 1862.

My Lord Duke,

Fredericton, 13 October 1862.

I HAVE the honour to inform your Grace that I have directed the Provincial Secretary, the Honourable S. L. Tilley, to proceed to England immediately, to confer with the Imperial Government on the subject of the proposed Intercolonial Railway, and that I have accordingly granted him leave of absence from the Province for two months.

I have, &c.

(signed) *Arthur H. Gordon*.

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(No. 92.)

COPY of a DESPATCH from the Officer Administering the Government, to His Grace the Duke of *Newcastle*, K. G.

No. 13.

Major-General
H. Doyle to Duke
of *Newcastle*, K. G.
16 October 1862.

Government House, Halifax, Nova Scotia,
16 October 1862.

My Lord Duke,

(Answered, No. 212, 3 November 1862, page 13.)

YOUR GRACE has already, I am informed, been made aware, by his Excellency the Governor General of Canada, of the result of the deliberations which took place at Quebec last month, when the Lieutenant Governors of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, with certain delegates selected from the leading men of these Provinces, assembled there for the purpose of discussing the subject of the proposed Intercolonial Railroad.

I conceive it, nevertheless, to be my duty to transmit to your Grace a copy of the Resolutions adopted on that occasion, and to inform you, that as it has been determined by the sister Provinces to send certain members of their Government to England, for the purpose of arranging with Her Majesty's Ministers the nature of the securities to be given to the Imperial Government, with a view to uniformity of legislation in all the Provinces, I have commissioned the Honourable Joseph Howe to proceed to England, and to put himself in communication with your Grace for that purpose.

So much has already been written and said upon the subject of the very great importance of this line of railroad, and being fully aware of the favourable opinion entertained by your Grace with reference to it, I feel I should only intrude upon your time if I were to enter generally upon the whole question; but I trust I may be excused in bringing to your notice the very essential benefit in a military point of view which would be derived from its construction.

I would take leave to bring to your Grace's recollection the very great difficulty and enormous expense which was incurred in December last, when I was called upon to pass a force, consisting of upwards of 10,000 men, through the Province of New Brunswick, along the frontier of the State of Maine, into Canada; which owing to a combination of favourable circumstances was successfully performed, but which in a time of war could scarcely be accomplished at all, and certainly not without great loss of life.