

of certain Government reserve and wharf property at Prince Arthur's Landing, I have the honor under instructions to say that from plans submitted by the Company, dated the 31st August last, bearing upon the works of construction of their main line eastwards from that place, it would appear that the starting point of the Eastern Section is fixed as about 500 feet to the west of the Government wharf, which, with the reserve land in question, would accordingly be included in that Section for the purpose now under consideration.

I may add that the line between Prince Arthur's Landing and Fort William, though not ballasted, is so far completed as to be in fair condition for the running of trains.

These being the points upon which you lacked information, I have to ask that you will be pleased to report further as to the question of transfer submitted to you.

I have the honor to be, Sir, your obedient servant,

A. P. BRADLEY, *Secretary.*

GEORGE W. BURBRIDGE, Esq., Deputy Minister of Justice.

OTTAWA, 7th November, 1882.

SIR,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 3rd instant, having reference to mine of the 30th ultimo reporting in regard to an application made by the Canadian Pacific Railway Company for possession of certain Government reserve and wharf property at Prince Arthur's Landing.

In reply, I beg to say that I can find no authority in the Act for the transfer of this property to the Canadian Pacific Railway Company.

It is competent, however, for the Department outside of the Act to make arrangements with the Canadian Pacific Railway Company to allow them the use of this property upon such terms as to the Minister may seem proper.

Papers returned.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

GEO. W. BURBRIDGE, D. M. J.

A. P. BRADLEY, Esq., Secretary, Railways and Canals.

OTTAWA, 11th November, 1882.

SIR,—On the 14th of May, 1870, an Order in Council was passed directing that application be made to the Ontario Government for a Patent of certain public lands at Thunder Bay, on the line of route to the Red River as shown on plan and description thereto annexed, the site being required for the erection of public buildings and for a landing place from which to extend wharves.

On the 27th of the same month a letter was addressed by the Department of Public Works to the Under Secretary of State for the Provinces, transmitting a copy of the said plan and description.

I am to request that you will be pleased to inform the Minister what action was taken thereon, and if any reply was received from the Ontario Government to the application for a Patent of the land in question. I am to desire that you will be so good as to furnish this Department with a copy of the same.

I have the honor to be, Sir, your obedient servant,

A. P. BRADLEY, *Secretary.*

EDWARD J. LANGEVIN, Esq., Under Secretary of State.

OTTAWA, 16th November, 1882.

SIR,—In reply to the enquiry contained in your letter of the 11th instant, I have the honor to inform you that it appears from the Records of this Department, that on