

DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE,  
OTTAWA, 25th September, 1879.

Sir.—I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 23rd inst., with reference to the question as to the northern and western limits of the Province of Ontario; and to inform you that the subject will be submitted to His Excellency the Governor-General.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

EDOUARD J. LANGEVIN,  
*Under Secretary of State.*

The Honourable the Provincial Secretary of Ontario,  
Toronto.

*The following is amended form of the proposed Resolution to be moved by the Attorney-General, on the subject of the Boundaries Award:—*

That by an agreement made between the Government of *Canada* and the Government of *Ontario*, it was decided that, subject to the approval of the Parliament of *Canada* and the Legislature of *Ontario*, the questions which had arisen concerning the northerly and westerly boundaries of the Province of *Ontario* should be determined by arbitration; and that by Orders in Council, passed by the respective Governments, it was declared, that the determination of the arbitrators appointed to make such award should be "final and conclusive."

That in accordance with the agreement entered into by the respective Governments, the Right Honourable Sir *Edward Thornton*, Her Majesty's Minister at *Washington*, the late Hon. *R. A. Harrison*, Chief Justice of *Ontario*, and the Honourable Sir *Francis Hincks*, were agreed upon by Orders in Council of the respective Government, as arbitrators to determine the northerly and westerly boundaries of the Province of *Ontario*.

That on the 3rd day of August, 1878, the said arbitrators delivered their award wherein they declared and determined what are the northerly and westerly boundaries of the Province of *Ontario*.

That in a despatch dated 31st December, 1878, from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor of *Ontario*, to the Secretary of State for *Canada*, His Honour intimated to the Government of *Canada*, that during the approaching session of the Legislature a measure would be introduced "to give effect by way of declaratory enactment or otherwise, to the award made by the arbitrators to determine the northerly and westerly boundaries of the Province of *Ontario*;" and that His Honour, in the same despatch, also stated he would be glad to learn that such legislation as might be necessary to give effect to the award would be had at *Ottawa* in the next session of the Parliament of *Canada*.

That in a despatch dated 8th January, 1879, the Government of *Canada* acknowledged the receipt of the despatch last mentioned, and stated that the same would not