

Enclosure in No. 7.

EXTRACT of a LETTER from Mr. *Rose* to the Duke of *Buckingham*, dated London,
1st July 1868.

“YOUR Grace is now aware of the result of the deliberations of the Canadian Government on this question, and it being important that the necessary financial arrangements should be made for the prosecution of the work with as little delay as possible, I have the honour to beg that the approval of the line may be given by your Grace as contemplated by the Imperial Act, and that the sum of money provided by the Government of Canada in excess of the 3,000,000 *l.* to be raised on the Imperial guarantee, may be held sufficient for the construction of the railway.”

“I have further the honour to inform your Grace that Thomas Baring, Esq., M.P., and George Carr Glyn, Esq., M.P., have been named trustees by the Government of Canada under the 3rd Section of the Act, for the management of the sinking fund.”

“On consultation with the financial agents of the dominion in London, it is thought to be extremely desirable that advantage should be taken of the present low rate of interest to place the loan, or such portion of it as the Government of Canada may think requisite, on the market at as early a day as possible, and I have accordingly to solicit the sanction of Her Majesty’s Government to that proceeding.”

— No. 8. —

The Secretary of State for the Colonies to the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury.

My Lords,

Downing-street, 14 July 1868.

WITH reference to the letter from this Department, dated the 16th of May, and in pursuance of the second clause of the Imperial Act of Parliament, styled “The Canada Railway Loan Act, 1867,” I have the honour, as one of Her Majesty’s principal Secretaries of State, to convey to you my approval of the selection as the line in which the railway is to be constructed of the line passing by the Bay of Chaleur, explored by Major Robinson of the Royal Engineers, and recommended in his Report dated the 31st of August 1848, presented to both Houses of Parliament by command of Her Majesty in February 1849, the line so approved by me to be subject to such moderate deviations and modifications as may prove to be necessary or desirable in the progress of the undertaking. I append to this Despatch a copy of the Parliamentary paper containing Major Robinson’s Report, authenticated by my initials, and containing a map which is also authenticated by my initials, showing the direction of the proposed line.

I have, &c.

The Lords Commissioners
of Her Majesty’s Treasury.

(signed) *Buckingham and Chandos.*

— No. 9. —

Copy of TREASURY MINUTE, dated 15th July 1868.

THE Chancellor of the Exchequer lays before the Board a letter, dated 11th July 1868, which he has received from Mr. John Rose, the Canadian Minister of Finance, in which he submits a statement of the terms and conditions, under which it is proposed by the Canadian Government to raise the loan for the sum of 3,000,000 *l.* for the construction of a railway connecting Quebec and Halifax, interest on which amount at the rate of 4 per cent. was guaranteed by the Act, 30 Vict. c. 16, together with a form of bond by which the guarantee of Her Majesty’s Government may be carried into effect.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer states that in consequence of this communication an interview took place between himself and Mr. Rose, who was accompanied by Mr. T. Baring, M.P., and Mr. G. Glyn, M.P., the agents of the Canadian Government, in the presence of the Secretary of State for the Colonies, the Financial Secretary to the Board, and Sir A. Spearman, and that, after full