

lish Bay, and are disposed to render to the Company such aid as a fair consideration of the interests of the Province will justify, in order to make the Canadian Pacific Railway, upon which so much of the future welfare of the country depends, a complete success. They do not, however, consider that they can grant so large an area of land for terminal purposes as you desire, nor do they feel that they can add to the area verbally discussed at the time of your visit to Victoria.

"With a view, however, to facilitate an immediate arrangement, the Government would be willing to give the land indicated in red tint on the enclosed plan, less a sufficient area for Government offices, schools, etc., to the extent of, say, five acres, half in Granville and half on the south side of False Creek, within half a mile of the shore.

"The small Indian reserve on False Creek, which you include in your plan, is held in trust by the Dominion government, to whom you must apply if you desire to obtain it. The government reserve on the point of the peninsula near the entrance of the harbor is also in the hands of the Dominion government.

"You will observe that the land now proposed to be given to your company includes all the government land at Granville, except, as I have already said, a small area for offices, etc. On the other hand, the whole of Hastings, a portion of which it was proposed to grant to your company is retained. Although the area at Hastings now retained exceeds that proposed to be given in exchange at Granville, the value of the two parcels may be taken as very nearly equal.

"In order that the vexed question of the Pacific terminus may be finally settled, and public confidence established, I have to request that immediate steps may be taken for making the decision of the company authoritatively known, and that the boundaries of the land hereby granted be properly defined upon the ground.

"With this in view, the survey of the line should be undertaken at once, and a definite time appointed for the commencement of the necessary terminal buildings.

"The grant of land will of course be conditional upon the terms of the agreement being carried out, and time will be considered as of the essence of the contract.

"It was explained to you when you were here that the government had agreed to extend the lease of Hastings Saw-mill Company for a period of five years, on condition of their giving up immediately a strip along the shore of False Creek and English Bay extending back a mile, and embracing an area of 4,000 acres. The Government have since agreed to grant a further extension, on condition, among others, that in addition to giving up a mile belt at once, the Company shall give up 1,000 acres more annually.

"This arrangement is considered to be in the interests of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company as well as in that of the Province. Without the extension, upon the conditions named, the Mill Company under their lease, which has over two years to run, would be in a position to refuse to allow any sales to be made of lands on False Creek and English Bay.

"Sales, of course, could be made of lands there, subject to the lease, but the Company for two years could refuse possession, and few sales would be made if possession could not be had. It may reasonably be expected that during the two years considerable development will take place, and to have valuable property locked up in the immediate vicinity of the ter-

minus could not but be productive of injury in retarding the building up of a terminal town.

"The right acquired under the arrangement to deal at once with all the land which will really be required in the near future is therefore thought to be an important advantage to the Company, and the extension of the limits to be opened to sale every year will be all the interests of parties concerned will demand.

"The plan accompanying the letter of the Hon. Commissioner of Crown Lands, and which is made a part of this minute, represents only about 6,000 acres of land to be granted to the Company; but although this amount is deemed much less than the Company should receive, the Directors desire to meet the Government of British Columbia in the most liberal spirit, and is, therefore,

*Resolved.* That the proposition contained in a letter of the Hon. Commissioner of Crown Lands dated 6th October, 1884, be, and the same is hereby accepted and agreed to.

That in consideration thereof the main line of the Canadian Pacific Railway be extended to Coal Harbour and English Bay by the time the through line is ready for operation.

That the terminus of the Railway be established in the immediate vicinity of Coal Harbour and English Bay, and that the construction of the necessary workshops and other works be commenced in time to provide the necessary facilities for the opening of traffic on the through line by the early summer of 1886.

That a survey of the proposed extension, and of land at Coal Harbour and English Bay proposed to be granted to the Company be at once made, and an agreement embodying the terms of the grant contained in the said letter of the Hon. Commissioner of Crown Lands, be entered into and executed by proper officers of the Company.

That the Hon. Donald A. Smith and Mr. Richard B. Angus be, and they are hereby, appointed Trustees to receive and hold the lands above referred to in trust for, and on behalf of the Company.

Certified a true extract,

C. DRINKWATER,

Secretary.

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