
DEPARTMENT OF SECRETARY OF STATE,
OTTAWA, 4th July, 1872.

SIR.—His Excellency the Governor General in Council has had under consideration your letter of the 21st ulto., reporting the Provisional organization of "The Canada Pacific Railway Company," and expressing the desire of the Board of the Company to be informed when the Government will be prepared to negotiate with the Company in respect to the construction of the Canada Pacific Railway, and I am directed to inform you that it is the wish of the Government of Canada that your Company and "The Interoceanic Railway Company" should unite and form one Company, in accordance with the tenth section of the Act respecting the Canadian Pacific Railway.

A similar communication has been made to the President of the latter Company, the Honble. D. L. Macpherson, Toronto.

I have, &c.,

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E. LEF. DE BELLEFEUILLE, Esq.,
Secretary, Canada Pacific Railway Co.,
Montreal.

DEPARTMENT OF SECRETARY OF STATE,
OTTAWA, 5th July, 1872.

SIR,—I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 3rd instant, stating that the Canada Pacific Railway Company is disposed and ready to undertake the building of the Canadian Pacific Railway, on the terms and conditions contained in the Act respecting the Canadian Pacific Railway passed at the last session of the Parliament of Canada.

I have, &c.,

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E. LEF. DE BELLEFEUILLE,
Secretary, Canada Pacific Railway Co.,
Montreal.

OFFICE OF THE CANADA PACIFIC RAILROAD,
MONTREAL, 9th July, 1872.

SIR,—With reference to the last communication addressed to you by the Secretary of this Company, advising that the Company was now prepared to accept of the contract for building the Pacific Railroad on the terms and conditions authorized in the Act of Parliament, I have now the honor to state, that if the building of the Pacific Railroad is given to this Company, it will agree, with such assistance as may be obtained from the Governments of Ottawa and Quebec, or such other assistance as may be given us, to build a branch Railroad from some point on the main-line of the Pacific Railroad, near and North of Lake Nipissing, to Hull opposite Ottawa, there to connect with the Northern Colonization Railroad. This route will cross the Ottawa at Deep River or some other point as far up on the North Shore of the Ottawa, in the Province of Quebec, as the nature of the country will admit.

This company will also agree, with such assistance as we may obtain from the Govern-