

this year, this Government urgently requests to be fully informed immediately by telegraph of particulars of policy adopted by Dominion Government respecting railway clause of terms of Union.

(Signed.)

Jos. W. Trutch.

*Lieutenant-Governor.*

To Honorable

The Secretary of State for Canada.

(Telegram)

PRIVY COUNCIL, CANADA.

OTTAWA, 8th May, 1874.

TO LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR TRUTCH:—

Mr. Mackenzie simply stated that until the location of the road was ascertained it was impossible to commence construction. That a large surveying force was now at work, and there was no reason to believe that it could be possible to complete the survey before close of year.

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(No. 301.)

OTTAWA, December 26, 1873.

MY LORD,—I have the honor to enclose for your information a copy of a despatch, 24th March, from the Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia to the Secretary of State of Canada, forwarding a minute of his Executive Council, referring to the non-fulfilment on the part of the Government of the Dominion, of the 11th Article of the terms of Union with that Province, in respect to the construction of the Canada Pacific Railway.

I also beg to transmit copy of a report of a Committee of the Privy Council of 23rd December the Dominion, on the above mentioned despatch, stating that my Government is giving its most earnest consideration to the project for the construction of a railway to the Pacific.

I have the honor, &c.

DUFFERIN.

The Earl of Kimberley.

(381 D.)

*Copy of a Report of a Committee of the Honorable the Privy Council, approved by His Excellency the Governor General in Council, on the 23rd December, 1873.*

The Committee have had under consideration the despatch dated 24th November, 1873, from the Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia, enclosing a further minute of his Executive Council referring to the non-fulfilment of the Dominion Government of the 11th Article of the Terms of Union of this Province with Canada, and stating that in accordance with the advice of his Ministers expressed in this minute, he requests that this despatch and its enclosure be laid before Your Excellency, together with the previous minutes of his Executive Council on the same subject, which were forwarded for consideration in his despatches, Nos. 67 and 68, of the 26th July last, the latter of which conveying a protest from that Government on the failure of the Dominion Government to secure the commencement within two years from the date of Union of the construction of a railroad from the Pacific towards the Rocky Mountains as provided in the 11th Article of the Terms of Union, he states is yet unanswered, and requesting Your Excellency to communicate to that Government in