

It would be unjust to close this report without expressing my satisfaction with my assistants. To their exertions and intelligence, the rapidity of our movements, and the success of the expedition owes much. From the Hudson's Bay officers, in addition to much information and help, we met with much personal kindness.

I have in hand a statement of the accounts of the expedition which will be submitted at the earliest opportunity.

All of which is respectfully submitted by

Sir, your most obedient servant,

A. MCKENZIE,

Engineer in charge of Division N

APPENDIX No. 8.

Explanations by the Engineer in Chief respecting the commencement of the Survey at Mattawa.

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY,

Office of the Engineer in Chief,

Ottawa, May 6, 1872.

THE HON. H. L. LANGEVIN, C. B.,

Minister of Public Works, &c., &c.

SIR,—Objections have been offered, since my Report on the Pacific Railway Exploration was made public, to the point selected for beginning the easterly end of the survey. It is therefore proper that I should submit a few words of explanation, which if you deem expedient, may be included in the appendices to the original report and printed with them.

In the selection of a point for beginning the survey, three main objects had to be kept in view :—

1st. A connection with the Railways of the Province of Ontario.

2nd. A connection with the Railways of the Province of Quebec.

3rd. The discovery of a practicable line for a Railway through the wilderness country extending northerly and westerly by Lake Superior to Manitoba.