

## THE EASTERN SECTION.

5. An exploration between Lake Winnipeg and the upper part of the Montreal River, to give information respecting the country, in order to ascertain how the eastern terminus, as defined by Statute, could best be reached.

6. To continue the survey between Red River and Lake Superior, in order to connect lines already surveyed, amend others, and add to the information already acquired, with the view of establishing the very best and shortest line for the railway between Red River and Lake Superior, at the same time utilizing as great a length as possible of the main line.

SANDFORD FLEMING.

COPY of a Report of a Committee of the Honorable the Privy Council, approved by His Excellency the Governor General in Council, on the 7th June, 1873.

The Committee of Council having had before them the memorandum of the 29th May last from the Chief Engineer of the Canadian Pacific Railway, and the Minute of Council thereupon of the 30th May, beg leave to recommend to Your Excellency that Esquimalt in Vancouver Island be fixed as the terminus of the Canadian Pacific Railway, and that a line of railway be located between the harbor of Esquimalt and Seymour Narrows on the said island.

The Committee further recommend that application immediately be made by despatch to the Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia, for the conveyance to the Dominion Government in trust, according to the 11th paragraph of the terms of the agreement of Union, of a strip of land 20 miles in width along the eastern coast of Vancouver Island, between Seymour Narrows and the harbor of Esquimalt.

An Order of the Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia in Council, appropriating this tract of land in furtherance of the construction of the said railway, will be necessary in order to operate as a sufficient conveyance and reservation of the said land to and for the Dominion Government.

Certified, W. A. HIMSWORTE, C.P.C.

BRITISH COLUMBIA,

GOVERNMENT HOUSE, 22nd September, 1873.

Sir,—With reference to my despatch No. 67 of the 26th July last, I have the honor to enclose, for the consideration of His Excellency the Governor General, a Minute of my Executive Council urging that the boundaries of the land on Vancouver Island proposed to be claimed by the Dominion Government in trust to aid in the construction of a railroad under the terms of Union of British Columbia with Canada, may be at once defined, and that a competent person in this Province may be appointed to dispose of said lands on such terms as will admit of settlement, and authorizing the Honorable A. DeCosmos, President of Executive Council and Premier of my Ministry, to confer with the Government of Canada on this subject.

A duplicate of this despatch and its enclosure will be handed to you by Mr. DeCosmos, who starts to-morrow for Ottawa.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

JOSEPH TRUTCH.

COPY of a Report of a Committee of the Honorable the Executive Council, approved by His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor on the 20th day of September, 1873.

On a memorandum, dated 18th September, 1873, from the Hon. the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, reporting that the Order in Council of the 30th June,