

It would be needless for me to observe that the large amount of population of the Keswick Valley route, in excess of the population by the North Shore route, should at least have its influence on the determination of the route through New Brunswick; this, together with the enormous excess of imports and exports in favor of the Keswick valley route, with the fact that by far the heaviest portion of the burden in construction and maintenance must necessarily be borne by the population of the Southern, Western, and Eastern sections of this Province, will, I humbly trust, induce His Excellency and Ministers to adopt a line so beneficial to two-thirds the entire population of New Brunswick, as that by the Keswick valley.

I have the honor to be, Sir,  
Your obedt. servant,  
(Signed),

THOMAS TEMPLE.

Hon. S. L. Tilley, C.B., &c., &c., Ottawa.

(Copy of No. 249.)

*Copy of a Report of a Committee of the Honorable the Privy Council, approved by His Excellency the Governor General in Council on the 3rd April, 1868.*

On the recommendation of the Hon. the Minister of Public Works, dated 1st April, 1868, the Committee advise that the sum of Ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) be placed at his disposal to meet disbursements in connection with the Intercolonial Railway Surveys now being conducted by Mr. Sandford Fleming.

Certified.

(Signed),

WM. H. LEE,  
C. P. C.

To the Honorable  
The Minister of Public Works,  
&c., &c., &c.

(Copy, Letter No. 142.)

(Ref.—Sub. 964—Memorandum.)

OTTAWA, 1st April, 1868.

The undersigned has the honor to recommend, that the sum of \$10,000 may be placed at his disposal to meet disbursements in connection with the Intercolonial Railway surveys now being conducted by Mr. Sandford Fleming.

(Signed),

WILLIAM McDougall,  
Min. P. W.

Privy Council.

Sent Wednesday, 1st.—235 enclosed.

(Copy of No. 243.)

OTTAWA, April 1st, 1868.

SIR,—I have the honor to forward to you the accompanying petitions in reference to the Intercolonial Railway Route, from the inhabitants of the County of Sunbury.

Your humble servant,

(Signed),

CHARLES BURPEE.

Hon. Wm. McDougall, C.B.

*To His Excellency the Right Honorable Viscount Monck, &c., &c., &c., Governor General of Canada.*

The Petition of the undersigned freeholders and inhabitants of the County of Sunbury, in the Province of New Brunswick.

HUMBLY SHEWETH:—

That your Petitioners have heard, with much concern, the efforts which have been