

Copy of a Report of a Committee of the Honorable the Privy Council, approved by His Excellency the Governor General on the 13th July, 1878.

On a memorandum dated 11th July, 1878, from the Hon. the Minister of Public Works, reporting that on the 1st June, 1877, an Order in Council was passed, in accordance with the provisions of the Canadian Pacific Railway Act of 1874, defining the route of the railway between Fort William, on the Kaministiquia River, and Jasper House and Tête Jaune Cache.

That the same Order in Council also defined the route from the last named point to the Pacific Ocean in the event of the Bute Inlet or Dean Inlet routes being ultimately adopted, these being the routes through British Columbia, one of which at that time it seemed probable would be adopted.

That later information has shown that it would be in the public interest that the route of the railway from the neighbourhood of the Tête Jaune Cache, should be towards Burrard Inlet.

The Minister, therefore, recommends that the route of the railroad should be defined generally as passing from the neighborhood of the Tête Jaune Cache by the Kootenai River to the North Thompson River, and descending the valley of the said North Thompson River towards Kamloops Lake to the Fraser Valley at Lytton, and thence descending the valley of the Fraser, by Yale and New Westminster to Port Moody, or such other point on or near Burrard Inlet, as may be found most convenient for the purpose of harbor accommodation.

The committee submit the above recommendation for your Excellency's approval.

Certified, W. A. HIMSWORTH, C.P.C.

9th September, 1878.

Sir,—Referring to my letter of the 31st May last enclosing a copy of a letter from the Secretary of the Department of Public Works, in which your Government was requested to reserve for conveyance to the Dominion Government, in accordance with the 11th paragraph of the terms of the Union, lands in certain localities therein set forth for the purposes of the Canadian Pacific Railway, I have the honor to transmit to you herewith, a copy of an Order of His Excellency the Governor General in Council in further relation to the subject.

I have to request that this Order in Council may be brought under the early notice of your Government with particular reference to the concluding portion thereof.

I have, &c.,

R. W. SCOTT, Secretary of State.

To His Honor the Lieut.-Governor of British Columbia, Victoria.

August 31st, 1878.

MEMORANDUM.—The undersigned reports that by the eleventh clause of the agreement under the terms of which the Province of British Columbia entered the Dominion of Canada, the Government of British Columbia engaged to convey to the Dominion Government, in trust, to be appropriated in such manner as the Dominion Government may deem advisable in furtherance of the construction of the Canadian Pacific Railway, an extent of public lands along the line of railway throughout its entire length in British Columbia (not, however, exceeding twenty (20) miles on each side of the said line) equal to the area which might be appropriated for the same purpose by the Dominion Government from the Public Lands of the North-West Territories and Province of Manitoba; the conditions of the agreement further provide that the quantity of land held under preemption rights or by Crown grant within the limits of the tract of land in British Columbia to be so conveyed to the Dominion Government should be made good to the Dominion from contiguous public lands.

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