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REPORT
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COMMISSIONERS
OF THE
INTERCOLONIAL RAILWAY.

The Commissioners appointed under authority of an Act of the Parliament of Canada, 31st Victoria, cap. 13, intituled, "An Act respecting the construction of the Intercolonial Railway," beg leave to report progress since the date of their appointment, 11th December, 1868.

The Commissioners held their first meeting on the 17th December, 1868, and appointed the following Staff for their Office at Ottawa, viz. :—

Mr. C. S. Ross, Secretary	Salary \$2,000
Mr. T. C. Duplessis, Assistant Secretary	1,600
(Mr. D. is conversant with the French language).	
Mr. W. Wallace, Accountant	Salary 1,600

These gentlemen have performed their respective duties in a very satisfactory manner.

The Commissioners also appointed W. Curran, messenger, at a salary of \$300.

Under the terms of the Act, the appointment of all officers, except the Chief Engineer, was left to the Commissioners.

By the 4th clause of the Act, the Government appointed Mr. Sandford Fleming, C.E., Chief Engineer.

The selection of the route of the line by Matapedia and the Bay of Chaleurs had been determined by the Government on 3rd July, 1868. Since that date Mr. Fleming had been actively employed in surveying and location of the line so selected by the Government.

INSPECTION OF THE LINE.

The Commissioners, deeming it to be of the first importance that they should have personal knowledge of, and acquaintance with, the general character of the country over which the Railway is to be constructed, proceeded (in company with the Chief Engineer) to drive over the whole line, from Truro to Rivière du Loup; making special inspection

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