

quired in the near future is, therefore, thought to be an important advantage to the Company, and the extension of the limits to be opened to sales every year will be all the interests of parties concerned will demand.

I have, etc.,

(Signed) WM. SMITHE,
Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works.
W. C. Van Horne, Esq.,
Manager C. P. R. Co., Montreal.

THE CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY,
OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT,
Montreal, Nov. 22d, 1884.

To Hon. Wm. Smithe,
Victoria, British Columbia.

DEAR SIR,—I have your telegram of the 11th inst., to which I have replied by wire that I supposed that my telegram to you of the 7th ultimo, saying—“Board approves arrangement proposed your telegram thirtieth,” was sufficient to fully settle the matter, and that I wired you on the ninth instant to make sure whether or not anything else was necessary at present. I also stated in my telegram of to-day that our board would formally approve the necessary document at its meeting next Tuesday; that Major Rogers was instructed to make the necessary surveys as soon as he could leave his work east of Kamloops Lake, which would probably be within a week or two; and that no other suitable engineer was available; and that an authorized officer of the company would go to British Columbia within a week or two for the purpose of settling all matters of detail; all which I now confirm.

I regret exceedingly that our delay in this matter has given you any trouble, but I do not see how it could well have been avoided.

I have been away from Montreal much of the time since I met you in Victoria; and the enormous amount of work we are carrying on has required my most undivided attention, and this, to some extent, has delayed matters relating to the Pacific terminus. The surveys would have been commenced earlier, but we have been unable to spare, from our work of excavation and construction, any of the men in whose hands we would have been willing to entrust so important a matter.

Major Rogers will be able to locate the line within a few weeks after he reaches the ground, which, I trust, will not be many days after you receive this letter.

I have arranged with the Department of Railways to discontinue their proposed work on an engine house and other terminal buildings at Port Moody, in view of our intention to erect them in the vicinity of Coal Harbor and English Bay.

There is nothing now to prevent active operations in that direction, and we will take all necessary steps without delay.

I am glad to be able to inform you that the progress of our work justifies me in saying that our line will be connected through some time during the month of August next.

I am, etc.,

(Signed) W. C. VAN HORNE,
Vice President.

THE CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY,

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY,

The Hon. Wm. Smithe, Montreal, Nov. 25th, 1884.
Commissioner of Crown Lands,
Victoria, British Columbia.

SIR,—I am instructed by the Board of Directors to transmit to you an extract, under the seal of the Company, from the minutes of a meeting of the Board held this day, relating to the extension of the main line of the Canadian Pacific Railway to Coal Harbor and English Bay, and the establishment there of the Pacific terminus of the railway.

I beg respectfully to request that you will have prepared and forwarded to me a draft of such formal agreement as you may consider necessary to meet the case.

I have, etc.,

(Signed) C. DRINKWATER,
Secretary.

[ENCLOSURE.]

Extracts from the Minutes of the regular weekly meeting of the Board of Directors of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, held at the office of the Company in Montreal, on Tuesday, the 25th day of November, 1884, at the hour of 12 o'clock, noon.

Present in person.—Mr. R. B. Angus, Mr. W. C. Van Horne, Hon. Donald A. Smith, Mr. John Turnbull. And by proxy:—Mr. George Stephen, Mr. P. du P. Grenfell, Mr. C. D. Rose, Mr. H. S. Northcote, Baron J. de Reinach.

Mr. C. Drinkwater, Secretary of the Company, also attended.

Mr. Van Horne stated that, in pursuance of the minute of the Board dated September last, he had proposed to the Government of British Columbia that in consideration of the conveyance to the Company of a tract of land on Coal Harbor and English Bay, aggregating about 11,000 acres, and including the Granville townsite and the north half of the tract known as the “Hastings Reserve,” the Company proposed to extend the main line of the Canadian Pacific Railway to Coal Harbor and English Bay, by the time the through line is ready for operation, and to establish the terminus of the railway in the immediate vicinity of Coal Harbor and English Bay, and commence the construction of the necessary workshops and other works in time to provide the necessary facilities for the opening of traffic on the through line by the early summer of 1886.

That by letter dated October 6th, 1884, the Honorable Wm. Smithe, the Commissioner of Crown Lands of British Columbia, had replied as follows:—

“Referring to your letter dated 9th and posted on the 16th ultimo, in which you ask for a tract of land on Coal Harbor and English Bay, embracing an aggregate of about 11,000 acres, and including the whole of Granville townsite and the north half of Hastings, in consideration of which you say the Company proposes to extend the main line of the Canadian Pacific Railway to Coal Harbor and English Bay, by the time the through line is ready for operation, and to establish the terminus of the Railway in the immediate vicinity of Coal Harbor and English Bay, and to commence the construction of the necessary workshops and other works in time to provide the necessary facilities for the opening of traffic on the through line by the early summer of 1886.

“I have the honor to inform you that the Government fully appreciate the advantage of having the main line of railway extend to Coal Harbor and Eng-