

will be extended from Quebec to Hamilton, from whence a Railway is being constructed through British Territory to Windsor, opposite Detroit, at which place it will connect with a Line projected across Michigan, Chicago, and through the State of Wisconsin to the head waters of the Mississippi at Galena; the continuous Line through the British Provinces stretching for 1,340 miles, and through British and American Territory for 1,700.

Toronto, 21st June, 1851.

(Signed)

JOS. BOURRET, P.C.
JOSEPH HOWE."

(Copy)—No. 278.

Downing Street, 8th July, 1851.

SIR,—I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Despatch, No. 37, of the 13th of June, enclosing a copy of Resolutions passed at a public meeting in the County of Kent, in New Brunswick, respecting the Halifax and Quebec Railroad.

I am, &c.

(Signed)

GREY.

Lieut. Governor, Sir E. Head, Bart., &c. &c. &c.

(Copy—No. 44.)

Government House, Fredericton, N. B., July 11th, 1851.

MY LORD,—I have the honor to enclose a Memorandum handed to me at a meeting of my Executive Council on the 8th July last, with reference to your Lordship's Despatch of the 12th June last, No. 269.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

EDMUND HEAD.

The Rt. Hon. Earl Grey.

MEMORANDUM.

"The Executive Council of New Brunswick much regret that Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies should have determined on not submitting the Facility Bills of last Session, relating to the two Railways, for the confirmation of Her Majesty in Council, because the Act incorporating the North American and European Railway Company does not contain some provisions deemed by Her Majesty's Government as essential for the protection of Imperial interests. These provisions, the Council cannot entertain the least doubt, will be made whenever the Legislature are again convened, an event which will in all probability take place at an earlier period than usual. The Facility Bills were introduced into the House of Assembly by the Local Government, as measures in which they considered the interests of this Province were deeply involved, and were carried almost by acclamation in both Houses.

"Under these circumstances, the Council feel, as a part of the Government, that they are seriously weakened by the action of the Imperial authorities, more particularly as no objection has been raised by them against the Facility Bills, but on the contrary, in all their provisions, they are sanctioned by Earl Grey's Despatch.

"The Council feel that no possible injury could arise by passing the Bills in question; but holding them in abeyance until amendments be made to the Act of Incorporation, must inevitably have a tendency to excite great dissatisfaction among a large portion at least of the people of this Province interested in the success of the European and North American Railway, inasmuch as no action, so far as raising subscriptions for Stock, can or will be had until the acquiescence of the Crown in the Facility Bills for that Railway be first had.

"The Council therefore humbly hope and trust that Earl Grey will feel himself authorized to waive all objections, and that he will submit the Bills for Her Majesty's gracious approval.

(Signed)

R. L. HAZEN,
J. A. STREET,
J. R. PARTELOW,
W. B. KINNEAR,
G. S. HILL."

The Rt. Hon. Earl Grey, &c. &c. &c.

Extract from Despatch, No. 51, of Sir Edmund Head to Earl Grey, dated Government House, Fredericton, N. B., August 2, 1851.

"I have also the honor to append to this Despatch, a copy of a Memorandum agreed upon by the Members of my Council thus reconstructed, as expressing the policy which they propose to pursue in the matter of the Halifax and Quebec Railway."

(Copy)

"In Committee of Council, 1st August, 1851.

"Memorandum in regard to the Railway policy of the Provincial Government, viz:—

"That the proposals made by the Secretary of State for the Colonies, as expressed in Mr. Hawes' letter under date of the 10th March last, upon the subject of Railways in these Provinces, shall be accepted in full, so far as the amount necessary is concerned, and upon the proportions specified in Mr. Howe's Report to his Government on his return from the Delegation to Canada, or on terms not less favourable, and upon such better modification of the terms specified in Mr. Hawes' letter respecting the