

16TH APRIL, 1879.

MEMORANDUM.—The undersigned represents that on a memorandum from the Chief Engineer of the Canadian Pacific Railway dated 29th May, 1873, an Order in Council was passed 7th June, 1873, fixing Esquimalt, on Vancouver Island, as the terminus of that railway in British Columbia.

That subsequently, 25th March, 1875, an Order in Council was passed authorizing the Dominion Government to notify the Government of British Columbia, that it would be necessary that the Legislature of that Province then in Session, should pass an Act setting apart such extent of public lands along the line of the railway in Vancouver Island, in the manner set forth by the 11th paragraph of the terms of agreement of the Union.

That on the 23rd of May, 1878, the late Government, had another Order in Council passed, cancelling that of 7th June, 1873 (which fixed the terminus at Esquimalt), but no reason appears to have been given for their action in the matter, nor is there any mention made of the Order in Council of 25th March, 1875, which provides for the appropriation of the necessary lands in Vancouver Island.

The undersigned would therefore recommend that in the absence of satisfactory reasons having been given for cancelling the Order in Council of May 23rd, 1878, cancelling it be annulled, and that of June 7th, 1873 be revived.

The undersigned would also recommend that a copy of this Report to Council, if approved, be furnished to the Honorable the Secretary of State for transmittal to the Government of British Columbia for their information.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES TUPPER, *Minister of Public Works.*

DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE, 24th April, 1879.

SIR,—I have the honor to transmit to you, herewith, for the information of your Government a copy of an Order of His Excellency the Governor General in Council on the subject of the terminus of the Canadian Pacific Railway in the Province of British Columbia.

I have &c., &c.,

J. C. ATKINS.

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

*Copy of a Report of a Committee of the Honorable the Privy Council, approved by His Excellency the Governor General in Council on the 22nd April, 1879.*

On a memorandum, dated 16th April, 1879, from the Hon. the Minister of Public Works representing that on a memorandum from the Chief Engineer of the Canadian Pacific Railway, dated May 23rd, 1873, an Order in Council was passed June 7th, 1873, fixing Esquimalt, on Vancouver Island, as the terminus of that railway in British Columbia.

That subsequently, March 25th, 1875, an Order in Council was passed authorizing the Dominion Government to notify the Government of British Columbia that it would be necessary that the Legislature of that Province then in Session should pass an Act setting apart such extent of public lands along the line of the railway in Vancouver Island, in the manner set forth by the 11th paragraph of the terms of agreement of the Union.

That on the 23rd of May, 1878, the late Government had another Order in Council passed cancelling that of June 7th, 1873 which fixed the terminus at Esquimalt, but no reason appeared to have been given for their action in the matter, nor is there any mention made of the Order in Council of March, 25th, 1875, which provided for the appropriation of the necessary lands in Vancouver Island.