

OTTAWA, 30th April, 1883.

SIR,—Inclosed the petition of E. Beaudet, Esq., Vice-President of Lake St. John Railway, which I pray you will take into your favorable consideration.

I am, Sir, yours &c.,

SIMON X. CIMON.

Hon. Sir CHARLES TUPPER, Minister Railways and Canals.

Translation. *The Petition of the Lake St. John Railway Company,*

RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH :—

That under the Act 45th Vic., ch. 14, there was granted to your Petitioners a subsidy of \$384,000, being at the rate of \$3,200 for each mile of the railway of Petitioners, calculated on an estimated length of 120 miles, as being the length of the railway from St. Raymond to Lake St. John ;

That your Petitioners are informed that the intention of the Executive was to grant the said subsidy of \$3,200 per mile on the whole extent of the said railway, from the said place, St. Raymond, to Lake St. John, and that the figure 120 miles was placed in the Estimates as being the real distance between the said two points to be traversed by the said railway ;

That in reality the exact length of the said railway between St. Raymond and Lake St. John is 145 miles, and that by reason of the aforesaid error, your Petitioners would be in the position of getting the said subsidy for a portion only of the said railway, that is to say, 25 miles less than the real length ;

That your Petitioners are anxious to complete the whole of the said line of railway at an early day, but that the said error is a serious obstacle to the full carrying out of the negotiations necessary to that end ;

That, moreover, circumstances which have recently arisen, as well as the nature of the ground, render almost indispensable the construction of a line of the said railway from St. Ambroise to the City of Quebec, independent of any other line, and that in case the said subsidy were made uniform for the whole length of the railway, that is to say, for the distance from St. Raymond to Quebec, about thirty miles, your Petitioners would be in a position to construct the said independent line from St. Ambroise to Quebec, and would bind themselves to construct and equip it with grades of 80 feet to the mile, instead of 132 feet to the mile, as they are on the present road ;

That this improvement would render the said railway highly effective, and independent of the other railways ;

That the said two sections of railway form a total of 55 miles, and require a total subsidy of \$176,000 in addition to that already granted, whereof your Petitioners, in view of the facts heretofore set forth, respectfully request the granting.

And your Petitioners will ever pray.

SIR LEONARD TILLEY, Minister of Finance.

E. BEAUDET, *Vice-President.*

QUEBEC, 25th April, 1883.

OTTAWA, 26th April, 1883.

We, the undersigned, having taken communication of the foregoing Petition—approve of it in every particular—recommend it to the gracious consideration of Executive, and humbly request that its conclusions be granted.

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