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TO THE SECRETARY OF THE

CANADIAN LAND & RAILWAY ASSOCIATION.

Outline of a Plan by which an extensive Railway may be constructed in the British North American Colonies, combining its execution with an enlarged Scheme of Colonization and Reclamation of Waste Land, and executing the Works so that the Company and the Emigrants shall be mutually benefited.

THE following appears to be the order and mode of proceeding best adapted to the peculiar circumstances of the case; and bearing in mind the combined object which the Company have in view, namely, the construction of an extensive line of railway, opening out a vast district of country, and giving value to millions of acres of land now inaccessible, and consequently comparatively valueless, at the same time giving the execution of the railway and other works to emigrants about to settle upon the land, and partly, if not wholly, to pay for it by their labour:—

1. The line of railway selected by the Government Commissioners (and which can only be taken as indicating the general direction of the line) to be carefully examined and permanently marked out upon the ground, so far at least as to indicate the position of the centre line by a cut through the woodland portion of the country, and by substantial posts through the cleared ground.

This first step in the process would enable commissioners to negotiate for the land in those portions of the country where the land is occupied, and to point out the position and extent of the waste or unceded land on each side of the railway, which is to become the property of the company.

2. The next operation would be to select sites for the railway stations. This would be a matter requiring considerable attention, and should be viewed in all its bearings both as regards the future development of the locations connected with the company and the interests of the colonies at large, and also in reference to the most favourable position for working the railway.

3. The sites of the stations being chosen, permanent