

"Office of the Canada Pacific Railroad,

"Montreal, 9th July, 1872.

"SIR,

"With reference to the last communication addressed to you by the Secretary of this Company, advising that the Company was now prepared to accept of the contract for the building of the Pacific Railroad on the terms and conditions authorized in the Act of Parliament, I have now the honour to state, that if the building of the Pacific Railroad is given to this Company, it will agree, with such assistance as may be obtained from the Governments of Ottawa and Quebec, or such other assistance as may be given us, to build a branch railroad from some point on the main line of the Pacific Railroad, near and north of Lake Nipissing, to Hull, opposite Ottawa, there to connect with the Northern Colonization Railroad. This route will cross the Ottawa at Deep River, or some other point as far up on the north shore of the Ottawa, in the Province of Quebec, as the nature of the country will admit.

"This Company will also agree, with such assistance as we may obtain from the Government of Ontario, or other assistance that may be given to us, to build another branch railroad from the Nipissing terminus of the Pacific Railway to such a point in the Province of Ontario as will connect the Pacific Railroad with the railway system leading to Toronto and other parts of Ontario.

"Honourable J. C. Aikins,
"Secretary of State, Ottawa."

"I have, &c.,
(Signed) "HUGH ALLAN,
"President, Canada Pacific Railroad.

"Department of Secretary of State,

"Ottawa, 17th July, 1872.

"SIR,

"I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 9th instant, referring to the communications of the Secretary of the Canada Pacific Railway Company of the 3rd same month, advising that the Company was then prepared to accept the contract for building the Pacific Railway, and entering into further details on the terms and conditions on which the Company was ready to take the contract for the construction of said railway.

"Sir Hugh Allan,
"President, Canada Pacific Railway, Montreal."

"I have, &c.,
(Signed) "E. PARENT, U.S.S.

"SIR,

Ottawa, 2nd October, 1872.

"I have the honour to state, in answer to your letter, suggesting that the Canada Pacific Railway Company and the Interoceanic Railway Company should amalgamate, that the former Company is willing to make such an amalgamation; and that I communicated such willingness to the Interoceanic Railway Company through its Provisional President, the Hon. Mr. McPherson, shortly after receiving your last letter. I have further to state, that I have not been informed of any action by the Interoceanic Company on the subject, having only received an acknowledgment of the reception of my letter.

"The Hon. the Secretary of State, &c.,
"Ottawa."

"I have, &c.,
(Signed) "HUGH ALLAN, President,
"Provisional Board, Canada Pacific R.R.

"Department of Secretary of State,

"Ottawa, 3rd October, 1872.

"SIR,

"I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 2nd inst., in answer to mine of the 4th July last, suggesting that the Canada Pacific Railway Company and the Interoceanic Railway Company should amalgamate.

"Sir Hugh Allan, Montreal."

"I have, &c.,
(Signed) "E. PARENT, U.S.S.

"SIR,

"Montreal, 14th October, 1872.

"I have the honour to transmit you a Memorandum from the Executive Committee of the Canada Pacific Railway Company, in reply to the statement submitted to the Government by the Interoceanic Railway Company, and I beg the favour of your laying the same before the Council.

"Hon. J. C. Aikins,
"Secretary of State, Ottawa."

"I have, &c.,
(Signed) "HUGH ALLAN,
"President, Provisional Directors.