

The Clerk finds it utterly impossible with the present appropriation, providing for but one draughtsman, to bring the Maps to completion as soon as was expected.

He would also advert to the fact that it will be necessary for a draughtsman to be employed on the Map of Ontario, which, since its construction, has fallen into considerable arrear, with a view of perfecting the same to the present date.

The tracings of the counties in the Province of Quebec have not yet been returned from the Census Department of the Minister of Agriculture. So soon as they are received they will be presented to the Members representing the particular localities for revision. It will be advisable that this Map likewise should be corrected and improved, so as to include all noteworthy additions to the present time.

Since the commencement of these maps the North-west Territory and British Columbia have been brought into the Dominion, and it will be for the Committee to consider whether, at some future time, it may not be advisable to prepare maps of these provinces upon a similar scale to complete the series.

In view of these considerations the Clerk would humbly submit the expediency of appointing a Sub-Committee to examine into the progress of the work, as far as it has gone, and to report to the Committee as to the course it would be advisable to take for the completion of these maps, and the extent of additional assistance required, in order that the maps of Ontario and Quebec may be duly perfected, and that of the Maritime Provinces completed as soon as possible.

It should be mentioned, for the information of the Committee, that a sum of \$217.15 remains unexpended of the appropriation for the fiscal year ending 30th June, 1871, which of course is not now available.

Respectfully submitted,
T. PATRICK,
Clerk of Committee.

May 1st, 1872.

RAILWAY COMMITTEE ROOM,
HOUSE OF COMMONS,
OTTAWA, 10th June, 1872.

To the Members of the Railway Committee.

The Sub-Committee appointed to enquire into the progress of the Maps of the Provinces now being compiled under the direction of the Committee, beg leave to report that after a careful examination of the map of Nova Scotia upon which the draftsman is at present engaged, they find that satisfactory progress has been made thereon, six counties of the eighteen of that Province having been completed. It has been found impracticable to make use of the pentagraph in constructing this map upon a uniform scale with the others, and the progress has therefore been much slower than was at first anticipated. The time required for the completion of the maps of the maritime provinces, and for the preparation of maps of the new north-western provinces of the Dominion, renders it desirable that further assistance should be obtained, with the view, not only of expediting those maps, but of placing on the maps of Ontario and Quebec all the additional township surveys, railway routes and villages which have been laid out from the first construction of those maps to the present time.

With this view your Committee submit an increased estimate for the year ending 30th June, 1873, so as to provide for obtaining the additional information aforesaid, and for the services of an additional draftsman.