

OTTAWA, 29th May, 1878.

SIR,—I am directed by the Hon. the Minister of Public Works to inform you that an Order in Council has passed on the 23rd instant, cancelling that of the 7th June, 1873, which designated Esquimalt in Vancouver Island, as the terminus of the Canadian Pacific Railway, and required the conveyance to the Canadian Government of a strip of land twenty miles in width along the eastern coast of that Island, between Seymour's Narrows and the Harbor of Esquimalt.

I am further directed to state that as Burrard Inlet will, in all probability, be adopted as the western terminus of the Canadian Pacific Railway, it is deemed advisable that a strip of land should be reserved for the conveyance to the Dominion Government, in accordance with the 11th paragraph of the terms of the Union, along the said line of railway, beginning at English Bay or Burrard Inlet; and following the River Fraser to Lytton, thence by the valley of the River Thompson to Kamloops, thence up the valley of the North Thompson, passing near to Lake Albreda and Cranberry to Tête Jaune Cache, thence up the valley of the Fraser River to the summit of Yellow Head, or boundary between British Columbia and the North-West Territories.

The Honorable the Minister of Public Works desires me to request you to convey the foregoing information to the Government of British Columbia, in order that they may take the necessary steps to reserve the land in question.

I have the honor to be, Sir, your obedient servant,

F. BRAUN, *Secretary*.

E. J. LANGEVIN, Esq., Under-Secretary of State, Ottawa.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE, VICTORIA, B.C., 27th June, 1878.

SIR,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch of the 31st ultimo, enclosing a copy of a letter from the Secretary of the Department of Public Works, requesting that certain land may be reserved for the probable terminus of the Canadian Pacific Railway at Burrard Inlet.

I have the honor to inform you that I have laid the matter before my Ministers.

I have the honor to be, Sir, your obedient servant,

A. N. RICHARDS,

Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia.

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY SURVEY, WESTERN DIVISION,
VICTORIA, 11th June, 1878.

SIR,—Tending a formal application by the Dominion Government for a reservation of the lands along the line of the proposed route for the Canadian Pacific Railway through British Columbia, by the valleys of the North Thompson and Fraser Rivers, I have to request you, on their behalf, to reserve all lands which are now in possession of the Government of British Columbia, on both sides of the River Fraser, for a distance of five miles above the toll-gate at the town of Yale, and the same distance below that point, and for a width of one mile from the centre of the river on each side.

Also for a reservation of the land in possession of the Government of British Columbia adjoining the River Thompson, for a width of two miles on each side of the said river, and extending from the outlet of Kamloops Lake, known as Savonas Ferry, for a distance of five miles down the river, and a width of two miles from the shore of Kamloops Lake for a distance of five miles above its outlet on both sides of such lake.

I have the honor to be, Sir, yours, &c.,

H. J. CAMBIE,

Engineer in Charge of Surveys, British Columbia.

HON. FORBES G. VERNON, Commissioner of Lands and Works, Victoria, B.C.