

Bill for granting certain powers to the *Richelieu* River Hydraulic and Manufacturing Company.

Bill to incorporate the Neutral Link Railway Company.

Your Committee submit for the consideration of Your Honorable House the report of the Draughtsman employed on the Railway maps now in course of preparation under their direction, together with an estimate of the amount required for the service of the year 1874-75.

RAILWAY COMMITTEE ROOM,
HOUSE OF COMMONS,
OTTAWA, May 11, 1874.

To the Hon. the Chairman of the Select Standing Committee on Railways, Canals, and Telegraph Lines :

SIR,—In the absence of Mr. *Patrick*, I have the honor to report to you for the information of the Committee, the following particulars of the progress made during the past twelve months on the Railway Maps preparing under their direction.

On the Map of the Maritime Provinces, the names of the Counties and Townships have been added to *New Brunswick*. I was three weeks in *Halifax*, and while there traced three of the County maps from the Crown Land Office, which have been reduced and laid down on the map. The outline of the Island of *Prince Edward*, with the names of the Bays, Gulfs, Islands, etc., has been added to this map.

I was for one month in *Quebec*, and while there traced ninety Township maps from the Crown Land Office, which have been reduced and laid down on the map of the Province of *Quebec*.

ANDREW U. ALMON.
Draughtsman.

Estimate of amount required for the prosecution of the work on the Railway maps in course of preparation under the direction of the Select Standing Committee on Railways, Canals and Telegraph Lines, for the twelve months ending 30th June, 1875 :—

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| Pay of Draughtsman @ \$3.00 per diem..... | \$1,095 00 |
| Probable expenses in visiting <i>Prince Edward</i> Island to procure details of the Map of that Island..... | 400 00 |
| Roller and other materials for placing Map of Maritime Provinces | 100 00 |
| Materials for mounting Map of <i>Manitoba</i> and the North-West Territory | 100 00 |
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| | \$1,695 00 |

On motion of Mr. *Dymond*, seconded by Mr. *Metcalfe*,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency, the Governor General, praying His Excellency to be pleased to convey to Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, the respectful expression of the anxiety of this House that a Bill, intituled : " An Act to amend the Act respecting Copyrights," passed in the Session of 1872, and reserved on the 14th June in that year for the signification of Her Majesty's pleasure thereon, should not be allowed to lapse by the expiry of the two years limitation specified in the 57th Section of " The *British North America Act, 1867*," and further to assure His Excellency that important interests in this Dominion are prejudiced by the absence of Legislation, such as this Bill contemplates.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to His Excellency by such Members of this House as are of the Queen's Privy Council.

On motion of Mr. *Pelletier*, seconded by Mr. *Delorme*,

That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying His Excellency to cause to be laid before this House, copies of all correspondence between