

Members of the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Sarnia have assured the Company that if the requisite aid from other sources could be had the Town would vote a Bonus of \$40,000 for the completion of the Road to that place.

The Townships of Sombra and Moore it is confidently expected would give \$15,000 each, and the Company have had some encouragement of small assistance from other sources. So if the Dominion Government will grant to this Company the same aid per mile as was given by them to the Napanee and Tamworth Road, as well as some others, the expectations of the promoters could be fulfilled to the great advantage of the western part of the Province of Ontario, and to the advantage of the Trade and Navigation of the Dominion of Canada.

By the operation of an Act of the Parliament of Canada the last Session, 46 Vic., Chapter 24, this Company came under the control of the Dominion Parliament, because its line crosses the G. W. R. Division of the Grand Trunk Railway as well as that of the Canada Southern Railway, and a short Act is now before this House for an extension of time in which to complete its Line which has become necessary.

Owing to the taking over of this Company under the control of the Dominion Parliament by the above cited Act, and away from the control of the Ontario Government, the Company appear to have lost the right to look to the Ontario Government for a continuance of their subsidy, which it had been led to expect, for the completion of the work, and have been plainly told by the latter Government that it must now look to the Dominion Government for a continuance of the aid heretofore voted and to be regarded as an unfinished work taken off their hands, which the Ontario Government were morally bound to see through, and that the Dominion Government having taken this Company off their hands should take it with all its equities.

Without discussing the logic or justice of this proposition the Company humbly beg to set forth that unless the Dominion Parliament adopt this view this Company seem likely to fall between two stools, and its scheme and undertaking be completely ruined.

The President and Directors of the Erie and Huron Railway beg that the Dominion Government and the members of the Senate and House of Commons of the Parliament of Canada will fairly consider the circumstances and do what in their judgment may appear to be just.

A. MCKELLAR,

President.