

New Brunswick and Nova Scotia are alike engaged in the construction of Railways, which are as yet sectional, and not calculated to be of material advantage to each other.

Previous to the meeting of our Legislature in February, His Excellency would be glad to learn the intention of the Government of New Brunswick, with reference to connecting these two Provinces, at all events.

It has been the avowed policy of Nova Scotia to carry a Trunk Line of Railway to the borders of New Brunswick, provided that Province would agree to meet us there, but if not, to continue our road to Pictou.

Our Railway is now under contract to Truro, and we must decide whether it shall be extended towards the New Brunswick border, or Pictou.

It remains, then, for the Government of New Brunswick to indicate whether we shall be united by a common line, stretching from Windsor to Halifax, and thence to Shediac and St. John, by the arrangements now in progress, and it is to be hoped, at no distant day to be extended to Quebec, (either by the Northern route, or a connection with the line from St. Andrews to that place,)—or disjointed and apart, expend our resources upon local and isolated Railways without a communication or object.

I am further commanded to solicit the consideration of this subject, and a communication thereupon at as early a period as convenient.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

CHARLES TUPPER.

The Honorable the Provincial Secretary,
New Brunswick.

Provincial Secretary's Office, Fredericton, 12th Dec., 1857.

SIR.—

By direction of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, I transmit to you herewith a copy of a Minute of Council, (approved by His Excellency on the 10th instant,) on the subject of Inter-Colonial Railroads, and I have to request that you will be pleased to lay the same before the Government of Nova Scotia for their information.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

S. L. TILLEY.

(Signed)

The Hon. CHARLES TUPPER, Provincial Secretary,
Nova Scotia.

To His Excellency the Honorable John Henry Thomas Manners Sutton, Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of the Province of New Brunswick, &c., &c., &c.

The Committee of the Executive Council respectfully report to your Excellency that they have had under their consideration the Letter of the Provincial Secretary of Nova Scotia on the subject of an Inter-Colonial Railroad, with the enclosures—the copy of a letter addressed to the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies by the Attorney General of Nova Scotia and the Honorable A. G. Archibald.

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