

CHIGNECTO MARINE TRANSPORT RAILWAY COMPANY, LIMITED.

*To the Debenture and Shareholders of the Chignecto Marine Transport
Railway Company, Limited.*

GENTLEMEN,

The last Meeting we held to consider our position with regard to the Canadian Government was on the 19th May, 1898. On that occasion I placed before you all the correspondence we had with the Government to that date. We were then waiting for a further reply from the Sub-Committee of the Privy Council, to whom our claim had been referred, in regard to the parts of their Report of January previous which Sir Wilfrid Laurier had, in compliance with my request, referred back for reconsideration.

The following Members of the Cabinet form the Sub-Committee :—

Hon. W. S. Fielding, Finance Minister and Convener.

Sir Richard Cartwright, K.C.M.G., Minister of Trade and Commerce.

Sir Louis Davies, Minister of Marine and Fisheries.

Hon. A. G. Blair, Minister of Railways and Canals.

Hon. J. I. Tarte, Minister of Public Works.

Hon. R. R. Dobell (without portfolio).

No further report having been received down to the following October, I went to Ottawa and had an interview with the Sub-Committee, the outcome of which was that they requested me to formulate and send them proposals for a settlement of the Company's claims. After my return the committee met, and we settled these, which I embodied in two letters addressed to Sir Wilfrid Laurier and the Hon. W. S. Fielding, the Convener of the Sub-Committee. In answer to these letters we have received a Report from the Sub-Committee, to which I have replied. All these documents are printed herewith.

Besides the two letters above mentioned I addressed another letter to the Hon. W. S. Fielding, explaining the manner in which contracts similar to that for the Chignecto Railway are undertaken and carried out, and on account of the