

CANADA.

" Department of the Secretary of State,

" Ottawa, October 22nd, 1872.

" SIR,

" I am directed to forward you the enclosed copy of an Order in Council on the subject of the correspondence between the Government of Canada and the Executive Committee of the Provisional Directors of the contemplated Interoceanic Railway Company, relative to the Canadian Pacific Railroad.

" I have, &c.,

(Signed) " E. PARENT, Under-Secretary.

" Hon. D. L. Macpherson,

" President, Interoceanic Railway Co., Toronto.

" Sir Hugh Allan,

" President, Canada Pacific Railroad Co., Montreal."

" SIR,

" Montreal, October 25, 1872.

" I have the honour, on behalf of the Canada Pacific Railway Company, to acknowledge receipt of a copy of a Report of the Committee of the Honourable the Privy Council, approved by his Excellency on the 16th instant, and I here request that you will be good enough to lay before the Honourable the Privy Council the following remarks upon that Minute :—

" In deference to the desire of the Government, which they consider is in accordance with the best policy under the circumstances, the Canada Pacific Company are prepared to amalgamate with the Interoceanic Company upon reasonable terms, to be approved by the Government.

" With regard to the statement in the Minute that there would be no difficulty in finding safeguards against the danger anticipated by the Interoceanic, I would further say, that the Canada Company is prepared to consent to any safeguard that can be devised against the possibility of the money or land subsidy being diverted from its purpose.

" I would desire, further, respectfully to remark that the Canada Company is prepared to make such addition to its members from the Province of Ontario as may be considered necessary to constitute a complete representation of that Province in the proprietary and on the Board of the Company. And, in the event of the Interoceanic Company declining to accede to the suggestion of the Government, that the Canada Company will be prepared to submit additional names from Ontario, in order that that Province may be represented in the Company to the satisfaction of the Government.

" I have, &c.,

(Signed) " HUGH ALLAN,

" President, Provisional Board, Can. Pac. R.R.

" The Hon. J. C. Aikins,

" Secretary of State, Ottawa."

" Department of the Secretary of State,

" Ottawa, December 4, 1872.

" SIR,

" I am directed to transmit to you, for the information of the Canada Pacific Railroad Company, the enclosed Memorandum of the Executive Council of the Interoceanic Railway Company of Canada, upon the Memorandum submitted to the Government by the Executive Committee of the Canada Pacific Railway Company.

" I have, &c.,

(Signed) " E. PARENT, Under-Secretary.

" E. L. De Bellefeuille, Esq.,

" Secretary, Canada Pacific Railway Co., Montreal."

" CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY.

" COPY of a Report of a Committee of the Honourable the Privy Council, approved by
" His Excellency the Governor-General in Council on the 31st January, 1873.

" The Committee of the Privy Council have had under consideration the correspondence and Reports of Committees of the Provisional Directors of the Canada Interoceanic Railway Company, and of the Canada Pacific Railway Company, and whilst much