

influence on the deliberations of the Legislature here and tend to promote uniformity of action throughout the British North American Provinces.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

FALKLAND.

His Excellency the GOVERNOR GENERAL of the British North American Provinces.

(COPY.)

Government House, Halifax, 24th November, 1845.

SIR,—

The inclosed papers, being copies of letters addressed by me to the Secretary of State for the Colonies and to the Governor General of the British Provinces of North America, will apprise your Excellency of my views in regard to the recently projected Railway hence to Quebec and Montreal.

I invite from your Excellency an expression of your opinion with regard to the proposed undertaking, and I shall be much obliged by your informing me whether it is your intention to bring the subject under the consideration of the Legislature of New Brunswick during the approaching Session, and likewise what you conceive will be the probable result of their deliberations in relation to a matter of so much importance.

I have, &c.

FALKLAND.

SIR WILLIAM COLEBROOKE, K. C. H., Fredericton, N. B.

(COPY.)

Government House, Montreal, 15th December, 1845.

MY LORD,—

I beg leave to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's letter of the 24th ultimo, to Lord Metcalfe, late Governor General of Canada, transmitting a copy of a Despatch addressed by you to H. M. Secretary of State, in reference to the projected Railway between Quebec and Halifax.

I am unable at present to say more than that I consider the proposed chain of communication so highly important a national work that it is deserving of cordial support from the Legislatures of all the Provinces of British North America, provided it be undertaken on sound principles, and that sufficient guarantees can be obtained.

I have brought the subject under the attention of the Executive Council of this Province, with a view to ascertain the local feeling that prevails in regard to it, and I shall hereafter communicate the result to your Lordship.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

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His Excellency the Right Honorable
Viscount FALKLAND, Lt. Governor.

(COPY.)

(Circular.)

Downing Street, 15th January, 1846.

MY LORD,—

I find that the impulse which has been given in every other part of the civilised world to plans of Railway Communication, has been felt in many of the British Colonies.