

CANADA.

Enclosure 2 in No. 4.

CHARTER FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE PACIFIC RAILWAY,* WITH PAPERS AND
CORRESPONDENCE.

"SIR,

"Montreal, June 21st, 1872.

"I have the honour to inform you that the Provisional Directors of the Canadian Pacific Company held a meeting, after due notice, on Wednesday, the 19th of June instant, at which Sir Hugh Allan was appointed President, Mr. Donald McInnes Vice-president, and myself Secretary of the Provisional Board.

"I have also the honour to state, by direction of the Board, that the Canada Pacific Railway Company is desirous of entering into an agreement with the Government under the statute respecting the Canadian Pacific Railway Company recently passed, and will feel honoured by any communication from the Government on the subject.

"I have, &c.,

"The Hon. J. C. Aikins,

"E. LEF. DE BELLEFEUILLE, Secretary.

"Secretary of State, &c., Ottawa."

"Canada Pacific Railway Co.,

"Montreal, 3rd July, 1872.

"SIR,

"I am directed by the President and Provisional Directors of the Canada Pacific Railway Company to inform you that at a meeting of the Provisional Board held yesterday, the second instant, in Montreal, under the presidency of Sir Hugh Allan, I was instructed to write to the Government of the Dominion of Canada, to inform them that the Canada Pacific Railway Company is disposed and ready to undertake the building of the Canadian Pacific Railway, on the terms and conditions contained in the Act respecting the Canadian Pacific Railway, passed at the last Session of the Parliament of Canada.

"I have, &c.,

"E. LEF. DE BELLEFEUILLE, Secretary.

"The Honourable J. C. Aikins,

"Secretary of State, &c., Ottawa."

"Department of Secretary of State,

"Ottawa, 4th July, 1872.

"SIR,

"His Excellency the Governor-General in Council has had under consideration your letter of the 21st ult., reporting the provisional organization of 'The Canada Pacific Railway Company,' and expressing the desire of the Board of the Company to be informed when the Government will be prepared to negotiate with the Company in respect to the construction of the Canada Pacific Railway, and I am directed to inform you that it is the wish of the Government of Canada that your Company and 'The Interoceanic Railway Company' should unite and form one Company, in accordance with the tenth section of the Act respecting the Canadian Pacific Railway.

"A similar communication has been made to the President of the latter Company, the Honble. D. L. Macpherson, Toronto.

"I have, &c.,

"E. Lef. de Bellefeuille, Esq.,

"E. PARENT, U.S.S.

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

"Department of Secretary of State,

"Ottawa, 5th July, 1872.

"SIR,

"I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 3rd instant, stating that the Canada Pacific Railway Company is disposed and ready to undertake the building of the Canadian Pacific Railway, on the terms and conditions contained in the Act respecting the Canadian Pacific Railway passed at the last Session of the Parliament of Canada.

"I have, &c.,

"E. PARENT, -U.S.S.

"Lef. de Bellefeuille,

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

* The Charter will be found printed at p. 1 of Command Paper, C, No. 750 of 1st May, 1873.