

Narrows; and, that in consequence of that order, and at the request of the Dominion Government, the lands for a width of twenty miles along that line have been reserved by the Provincial Government.

That the Premier of the Dominion Government has, in an informal manner, but nevertheless in a manner acknowledged to be at the instance of the Dominion Government, offered immediately to undertake the commencement of the work, provided that British Columbia would agree to certain Terms of relaxation.

That the relaxation proposed was, that British Columbia should agree to cancel the Railway Clause of the Terms, as regards the mainland part of the Province, and accept in lieu thereof a promise to build a waggon road after the line of Railway had been permanently located, on the completion of which, at an undefined time, railway construction would be commenced.

That such proposal has, however, been withdrawn.

That, according to the preamble of the "Canadian Pacific Railway Act, 1874," the railway is to be constructed as rapidly as the same can be accomplished without raising the rate of taxation.

That the bearing of the Dominion Government towards British Columbia is equivalent to the repudiation of the liability of the Dominion to fulfil as far as possible the engagement made respecting the construction of the Pacific Railway.

That, by the course of action taken by the Dominion Government, British Columbia, has sustained and is suffering great injury and loss.

That with a view to obtain redress, it is advisable that the case of British Columbia be submitted for the consideration of the Imperial Government.

The Committee concur with the recommendation, and advise that your Excellency do charge the Honorable the Attorney-General and the Provincial Secretary with the preparation of a memorial and remonstrance on behalf of the Province, regarding the non-fulfilment of the Terms of Union by the Dominion Government, to be submitted to Her Most Excellent Majesty the Queen in Council.

The Committee further advise, should this Report be approved, that the Honorable George Anthony Walkem be appointed a Special Agent and Delegate, instructed to proceed at once to London, for the purpose of placing the Memorial in the hands of the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, and of supporting the prayer thereof; and request Your Excellency to inform the Governor-General of Mr. Walkem's appointment, and ask that he be provided with a suitable introduction to Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies.

(Certified)

W. J. ARMSTRONG,

Clerk, Executive Council.

No. 3.

Copy of a Report of the Honorable the Executive Council, approved by His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, on the 11th June, 1874

On a Memorandum dated 11th June, 1874, from the Honorable the Provincial Secretary, reporting with reference to the breach of the Terms of Union by the Dominion Government, and the Appeal to the Imperial Government thereon arising, that it is advisable that a telegram be sent to the Imperial Government, informing them that British Columbia is about to appeal against the breach, by the Dominion Government, of the Terms of Union, and that a Delegate from this Government is about to leave for London, to lay such Appeal before the Imperial Government.

The Committee concur, and advise that Your Excellency do telegraph to that effect to the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, and also through the proper channel to His Excellency the Governor-General, for the information of the Dominion Government.

(Certified)

W. J. ARMSTRONG,

Clerk Executive Council.