

Columbia, when tenders will be invited in accordance with the terms of the Railway Act of 1874.

No time has been lost by the Government in promoting this enterprise as they have pushed on the work as rapidly as possible with a view to a commencement being made at the earliest practicable date.

I have, &c.,

R. W. SCOTT.

To His Honor Lieut.-Governor RICHARDS, Victoria, B.C.

DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE, 6th April, 1878.

SIR,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch, No. 27, of the 19th ult., enclosing a copy of a Minute of Your Executive Council, embodying a telegram forwarded by you on that day, asking for a definite answer with regard to the early commencement of the Canadian Pacific Railway.

My letter of the 27th ult., in reply to your telegram, will have given you full information on the subject.

Yours, &c.,

R. W. SCOTT.

To His Honor the Lieut.-Governor of British Columbia.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE, VICTORIA, B.C., 16th April, 1878.

SIR,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch of the 27th ult., informing me in answer to my telegram of the 19th ult., that as soon as the engineers completed the mapping and calculations of the last season's work the Government will endeavor to finally decide upon the route to be taken by the Pacific Railway through British Columbia, when tenders will be invited in accordance with the terms of the Railway Act of 1874.

I have the honor to be, Sir, your obedient servant,

A. N. RICHARDS, *Lieut.-Gov. of British Columbia.*

Hon. R. W. SCOTT, Secretary of State, Ottawa.

*Copy of a Report of a Committee of the Honorable the Privy Council, approved by His Excellency the Governor-General in Council on the 23rd May, 1878.*

The Committee of Council have the honor to recommend that the Order in Council of the 7th June, 1873, fixing Esquimalt, in Vancouver Island, as the terminus of the Canadian Pacific Railway, and requiring the conveyance to the Canadian Government of a strip of land twenty miles in width along the eastern coast of Vancouver's Island, between Seymour's Narrows and the Harbor at Esquimalt, be rescinded.

Certified, W. A. HIMSWORTH, C.P.C.

Hon. Minister of Public Works.

DEPARTMENT OF SECRETARY OF STATE, 31st May, 1878.

SIR,—I am directed to transmit to you, herewith, for the consideration of your Government a copy of a letter from the Secretary of the Department of Public Works, in which it is requested that certain land therein described may be reserved for the purpose of the probable terminus of the Canadian Pacific Railway at Burrard Inlet.

I have, &c.,

R. W. SCOTT.

To His Honor the Lieut.-Governor of British Columbia.