

And Her Majesty Queen Victoria, represented herein by the Honorable Alexander Mackenzie, acting in his capacity as Minister of Public Works of the Dominion of Canada, hereinafter called "Her Majesty," and "the Minister" respectively, of the second part.

WHEREAS the said Minister, acting as aforesaid, hath caused public notice to be given that tenders and proposals would be received by him, for working the line of transportation of passengers and freight between Thunder Bay on Lake Superior, in the said Province of Ontario, and Fort Garry in the Province of Manitoba, in the said Dominion of Canada, during the ensuing season of navigation (season of 1874.)

And whereas the said W. H. Carpenter & Co., have tendered for the same, and whereas their tender hath been accepted by the Minister for and on behalf of Her Majesty.

No w this agreement witnesseth that the contractor in consideration of the bonus or sum of seventy-five thousand dollars of lawful money of Canada, for the said season of navigation of the present year (1874) and of the covenants and agreements hereinafter expressed and contained on the part and behalf of the Minister, acting as aforesaid, do hereby for themselves, their and each of their heirs, executors and administrators, covenant and agree with Her Majesty, Her heirs and successors in manner following, that is to say :

1. That the contractors will, during the period or season of navigation of the present year (1874) which season usually opens on or about the first week of May and closes on or about the latter part of October, work and keep in operation the line of transportation of passengers and freight, and maintain the same on a scale sufficient to ensure the conveyance without delay of said passengers and freight over the route indicated in the printed "Information respecting the means of transportation," marked A, hereunto annexed, between Thunder Bay and Fort Garry, or *vice versa*, or between any point on the said route and any other point thereon, to the entire satisfaction of the Minister, or his successors in office.

2. That the contractors shall and will, during the said season of navigation, will and sufficiently furnish, provide, maintain, repair and keep in répair at all times, such steam-boats, steam-launches, barges, boats, covered stages, freight waggons, plant, effects, materials and things as may be required, and also all horses, oxen and teams, and other requisites necessary to ensure the due and satisfactory performance of the service of transportation aforesaid, and that they will provide, furnish and equip the said boats and other water conveyances, and each of them as the case may require with sufficient experienced and skillful engineers, crews, supplies, materials and plant, also that the stages, waggons, and vehicles or land conveyances, shall be provided with sufficient staff of men, and horses or oxen, harness, plant, and such other supplies as may be required as aforesaid ; and that the contractors shall procure and keep ready for use such extra supplies and materials as may be necessary to prevent delay or inconvenience in case of accident whether on the land or on water line. Provided, however, that the contractor shall have the privilege of using such of the several buildings, row-boats, horses, oxen, waggons, harness and plant as they may require for the purpose of carrying out the said contract, and mentioned in schedule "B," subject, however, to the approval of the Department of Public Works, and the steamboats, steam-launches and barges belonging to the said Department of Public Works at the various stations on the Red River Route, indicated and mentioned or described in the said schedule marked "B" hereunto annexed, for the said service during the period of the present contract. That the contractors shall provide proper food for and take good care of the horses and oxen belonging to the Government ; and that their employees shall take all the care that may be required and desirable in using the said buildings, vessels, vehicles, horses, oxen and plant, which will be handed over to the contractors on the opening of navigation ; and that they will return them to the officers of the Department of Public Works at the close of navigation, when the service shall cease, in as good order and condition as when received, reasonable wear and tear by fire or other unavoidable accidents excepted.