

the International Railway Company, and that the dates for completion therein set down, being as follows:—The 49 miles east of the Village of Lennoxville, on or before the 1st of August next; the 16 miles east of Lake Megantic, by the 1st November next; and the remaining 4 miles from Sherbrooke to Lennoxville, by the 25th May, 1887. These dates having been decided on by a resolution of the Directors of the railway, passed on the 7th inst., be approved: further that he be authorized on behalf of the Government to enter into agreement with the company upon the basis of the draft above referred to.

Respectfully submitted.

J. H. POPE, *Acting Min. Rys. and Canals.*

CERTIFIED COPY of a Report of a Committee of the Honorable the Privy Council, approved by His Excellency the Governor General in Council, on the 31st July, 1883.

On a Report dated 28th July, 1883, from the Acting Minister of Railways and Canals, representing that at the last Session of Parliament authority was given for the grant of a subsidy of \$3,200 a mile, for a distance of 49 miles, or a total not exceeding \$156,800, towards the construction of the portion of the line of the International Railway Company from Sherbrooke, in the Province of Quebec, to the international boundary, and that under the Act in question the Governor in Council was empowered to fix the date for the completion of the work, which is to be executed in accordance with descriptions and specifications to be approved by him, and specified in an agreement to be made with the company by the Government.

The Minister accordingly recommends that approval be given to the descriptions and specifications contained in the accompanying draft of an agreement with the International Railway Company, and that the dates for completion therein set down, being as follows: The 29 miles east of the Village of Lennoxville, on or before the 1st August next; the 16 miles east of Lake Megantic, by the 1st of November next, and the remaining 4 miles from Sherbrooke to Lennoxville by the 25th of May, 1887, these dates having been decided on by a resolution of the Board of Directors of the railway, passed on the 7th July, 1883, be approved, and further, that he, the Minister, be authorized, on behalf of the Government, to enter into agreement with the Company upon the basis of the draft above referred to.

The Committee submit the foregoing for Your Excellency's approval.

JOHN J. MCGEE.

Hon. Minister Railways and Canals.

ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT made and entered into this Twentieth day of July, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-three:

Between The International Railway Company of the first part, and Her Majesty Queen Victoria, represented herein by the Minister of Railways and Canals, of the second part.

Witnesseth that whereas it is in and by an Act passed in the Session of the Parliament of Canada, held in the forty-sixth year of Her Majesty's reign, chaptered twenty five, and entitled, "An Act for authorizing subsidies for the construction of the lines of railway therein mentioned," amongst other things in effect enacted that "It shall be lawful for the Governor in Council to grant to the International Railway Company for forty-nine miles of their railway from Sherbrook, in the Province of Quebec, to the International Boundary Line, in connection with the extension of this road, through Maine, to connect at New Brunswick, at or near Vanceborough or south of that point, a subsidy not exceeding three thousand two hundred dollars per mile, nor exceeding in the whole, one hundred and fifty-six thousand eight hundred dollars. The said subsidy to be granted to the company herein named, it being provided therein, that the line of railway shall be commenced within two years from the 1st of July (1883), and completed within a reasonable time, not to exceed four years from and after the passing of this Act (25th May, 1883), to be