
Mr. Cardwell to Lord Monck.

(Copy—*Canada*—No. 120.)

DOWNING STREET, 22nd July, 1865.

MY LORD,—I think it right to apprise Your Lordship that I receive communications which lead to the conclusion that more positive assurances from *Canada* than have yet been given to the Maritime Provinces on the subject of the readiness of *Canada* to ensure the prompt completion of the Intercolonial Railway in the event of Confederation being adopted, would be very satisfactory to the friends of the measure in those Provinces; and encourage their efforts to recommend the scheme of Confederation to those of their countrymen by whom it has not hitherto been supported.

I have, &c.,

Governor Viscount *Monck*.

EDWARD CARDWELL.

Lord Monck to Mr. Cardwell.

(Copy—No. 165.)

QUEBEC, August 14th, 1865.

SIR,—Referring to your Despatch No. 120 of July 22, I have the honor to transmit a copy of an approved Minute of the Executive Council of this Province on the subject to which your Despatch refers.

I may add the expression of my own personal conviction that there exists amongst the Ministers and Members of the Legislature of this Province not only the determination to construct the Intercolonial Railway so soon as the Union of the British North American Provinces shall have taken place, but the strongest desire for the early completion of that most important work.

I have, &c.,

MONCK.

The Right Honorable *Edward Cardwell*, M.P., &c., &c., &c.

(Copy.)

Copy of a Report of a Committee of the Executive Council approved by His Excellency the Governor General, 14th August, 1865.

The Committee of Council have had under consideration the Despatch No. 120 of Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies, dated 22nd July, 1865, suggesting the propriety of some more positive assurance being given by the Government of *Canada* to the Maritime Provinces on the subject of the readiness of *Canada* to ensure the prompt completion of the Intercolonial Railway in the event of Confederation of all the British North American Provinces being accomplished.

The Committee can only reiterate the declaration of the Government and Parliament of *Canada* that they regard the construction of the Intercolonial Railway as a necessary accompaniment and condition of Confederation, and that not a day will be unnecessarily lost after the accomplishment of Confederation in commencing the work and prosecuting it to completion.

Certified,

W. A. HIMSWORTH,
Asst. C. E. C.

The Honorable Mr. *Sanborn* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Chaffers*, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid before this House a Statement shewing the amount due the Townships of *Lower Canada* from the Seigniorial Indemnity Fund, under the provisions of the Consolidated Statutes of *Canada*, c. 83, sections 98 and 99; what Municipalities have been paid any and what amounts on account of principal or interest of such Fund; what sums have been applied in payment of Municipal Loan Fund Debentures; for what Municipalities, and how much to each Municipality owning such debentures and when the same was so applied.