

(No. 130.)

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,  
OTTAWA, May 15th, 1874.

MY LORD,—I have the honor to enclose for your Lordship's information a news-  
*Globe*, 13th and paper report of the speech delivered by Mr. Mackenzie on the 12th  
14 May. instant, when introducing Resolutions for a Bill to provide for the  
*Globe*, 12th May. construction of the Pacific Railroad, together with a summary of this  
*Globe*, 13th May. speech, and an article from the *Globe* newspaper of the 12th instant,  
explanatory of the Government project.

I have, &amp;c.

(Signed)

DUFFERIN.

The Right Honorable  
The Earl of Carnarvon,  
&c., &c., &c.

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OTTAWA, May 15th, 1874.

MY LORD.—In continuation of my despatch, No. 130, of this day's date, I have  
May 14. For ar- the honor to enclose an extract from the *Toronto Mail*, an opposition  
file see Scrap paper, criticising the scheme of the Government.  
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I have, &amp;c.

(Signed)

DUFFERIN.

The Earl of Carnarvon.

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DOWNING STREET, 18th June, 1874.

MY LORD.—The intimation which I have received by telegraph of the departure  
from British Columbia of the President of the Council and Attorney-General of that  
Province, sent to this country for the purpose of appealing against the course pro-  
posed by your Government, and sanctioned by the Dominion Parliament, in regard to  
the Pacific Railway, together with the reports of the proceedings in that Parliament,  
and other informal communications, have led me to apprehend that the difference of  
opinion which has unfortunately occurred, may not only prove difficult to adjust, but  
may not possibly, if it remains long unsettled, give rise to feelings of dissatisfaction  
and to disagreements, the existence of which within the Dominion would be a matter  
for serious regret.

2. It is not my wish, nor is it a part of my ordinary duty to interfere in these  
questions. They appear to me to be such as it should be within the province and com-  
petency of the Dominion Government and Legislature to bring to a satisfactory solu-  
tion, and you will readily understand that Her Majesty's Government would be very  
reluctant to take any action which might be construed as expressing a doubt of the  
anxiety of the Dominion Government and Parliament to give the fullest consideration  
to such representation as may be made on the part of British Columbia, and to deal in  
the fairest and most liberal spirit with what may be established as being the just  
claims of that Province.

3. At the same time, I am strongly impressed with the importance of neglecting  
no means that can properly be adopted for effecting the speedy and amicable settle-  
ment of a question which cannot without risk and obvious disadvantage to all parties  
remain the subject of prolonged and it may be, acrimonious discussion, and it has  
occurred to me that as in the original terms and conditions of the admission of British  
Columbia into the Union, certain points (as for example the amount of land to be  
appropriated for the Indians, and the pensions to be assigned to public officers deprived  
of employment) were reserved for the decision of the Secretary of State, so in the  
present case it may possibly be acceptable to both parties that I would tender my  
good offices in determining the new points which have presented themselves for  
settlement. I accordingly addressed a telegram to you yesterday to the effect that  
I greatly regretted that a difference should exist between the Dominion and the  
Province in regard to the railway, and that if both Governments should unite in