

Your memorialists humbly submit that, whereas the proposed Ontario and Sault Ste. Marie Railway will afford this more direct connection with the Canadian Pacific, and will, by forming a connection with the Northern Pacific Railway at Sault Ste. Marie, afford an alternate route to and from our own North-West, and will also open up an outlet for the products of the American North-Western States through Canadian territory, to Canadian seaports, it is, therefore, clearly in the interests of the whole Dominion, and especially in the interests of the Province of Ontario;

And whereas the Ontario and Sault Ste. Marie Railway have proposed to make this more desirable connection for a much less subsidy per mile than is asked for the connection at Callander; Therefore, such aid should be granted by the Dominion Government as will ensure the construction of this line, in preference to an indirect connection at Callander, which does not afford either the advantages of another through route to the seaboard, nor an avenue through which the products of the American States can be carried to our Canadian seaports;

Your Memorialists therefore humbly pray:

That Your Excellency will be pleased to grant to the Ontario and Sault Ste. Marie Railway such aid by way of subsidy as to Your Excellency shall seem meet;

And your Memorialists, as in duty bound, will ever pray, &c.

Signed and sealed, pursuant to a Resolution of the Council of the said Town of Peterborough, passed on the 29th day of April, A.D. 1882.

CHARLES D., *Town Clerk.*

H. H. SMITH, *Mayor.* [L.S.]

TORONTO, 19th March, 1883.

SIR,—I have the honor to enclose herewith the Petition of the Ontario and Pacific Junction Railway Company, to His Excellency the Governor in Council, praying for a subsidy of \$6,000 per mile for their line from Gravenhurst to Callander.

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

Hon. Secretary of State.

W. GOODERHAM.

*To His Excellency the Governor General of the Dominion of Canada, in Council:*

The Petition of the Ontario and Pacific Junction Railway Company,—RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH:

1. That your Petitioners are duly incorporated by Act of the Dominion Parliament, with full powers to construct a line of Railway from any point at or near Gravenhurst to any point at or near Lake Nipissing, so as to connect with the Canadian Pacific Railway to be built to reach the Sault Ste Marie River or Lake Superior;

2. That your Petitioners have made full and careful surveys of their whole line;

3. By the twenty-fourth section of the Act respecting the Canadian Pacific Railway (44 Victoria, cap. 1) special provisions are made in the interest of the trade of the Province of Ontario, by which the Canadian Pacific Railway Company is bound to afford to your Petitioners' Company, not only traffic facilities, but favorable mileage rates for the traffic of the Province of Ontario, so that no preference can be given in any way by the Canadian Pacific Railway to the traffic coming from or going upon the line of the Canada Central Railway now forming a part of the Canadian Pacific Railway, over the traffic coming from or going upon the line of your Petitioners. It is, therefore, of vital importance to the interests of the trade of the Province of Ontario, that the construction of your Petitioners' Railway should be secured;

4. In view of the information which your Petitioners possess, as to the cost of building their line, as to the traffic to be anticipated from it, and as to the financial assistance which they can procure; they are now in a position to offer to complete the construction of their line from Gravenhurst to a point of junction with the Canadian Pacific Railway at or near Callander, for a subsidy from the Dominion Government of \$6,000 per mile, and not exceeding in the whole \$660,000;