

RAILWAY MEETINGS.

From the Acadian Recorder.

Halifax and Quebec Railway.—Resolutions passed at Bay Verte, &c.

At a meeting of the Freeholders and Inhabitants of Bay Verte and its vicinity, held at the Schoolhouse on Friday, the 31st day of May, 1850, Alexander Munro, Esq. was called to the chair, and Mr. Stephen Gooden appointed Secretary to the meeting.

It was proposed by Captain William Silliker, seconded by John Carey, Esq., and *unanimously Resolved*—

1. That this meeting regards with unabated interest the completion of the proposed Railway from Halifax to Quebec as being eminently calculated to advance the prosperity of these Provinces by developing their resources and augmenting their trade and population infinitely more than any other measure hitherto submitted to the public, and that it is the duty of every well-wisher to his country to use the most strenuous efforts to promote it.

2. Moved by C. T. Prescott, Esq., seconded by Mr. John Munro.—That this meeting hears with great satisfaction the progress that has been made in England by "the Canadian Land and Railway Association," and that such Association is deserving of every encouragement, inasmuch as it unites with the accomplishment of so great and useful a work the establishment of a systematic plan of colonization, and the introduction of a useful and industrious class of settlers.

3. Moved by John Carey, Esq., seconded by Capt. W. Silliker.—That this meeting is much gratified to hear the favourable views of the undertaking entertained by Lord John Russell, as well as the interest in its progress evinced by Lords Stanley and Montrose, and the other gentlemen who have kindly lent their efforts to promote it.

4. Moved by Mr. Joseph Harper, seconded by Mr. Jacob Silliker.—That it is the opinion of this meeting that this Railway should not be looked upon merely as a commercial speculation, or with a view to its pecuniary advantages alone, but should be considered as absolutely required by the geographical position of the British North American Colonies, and most essential to the union, consolidation and preservation of the British dominions in North America, as well as conducive, in a very great degree, to the welfare of the whole empire.

5. Moved by Mr. Thomas Handwright, seconded by Mr. Joseph Harper.—That it is deemed necessary to obtain a guarantee of capital from the British Government, this meeting, considering the great increase in the value of all lands lying in the neighbourhood of the land which must inevitably be produced by its completion, will cheerfully submit to an assessment in aid of the works, such assessment being payable either in a proportion of the land, or in materials for construction of the road, produce or labour, or by an annual pecuniary payment for a fixed period, at the option of the proprietor.

6. Moved by Capt. Wm. Silliker, seconded by Mr. Stephen Gooden.—That the drafts of the several memorials to Lord Grey and Lord John Russell, and the Petitions to the two houses of the Imperial Parliament, be approved and adopted by this meeting; and that John Carey, C. T. Prescott, and Alexander Munro, Usippe, and Messrs. Jacob Silliker and Stephen Gooden, be a committee finally to settle the same, and to obtain signatures thereto when engrossed.

(Signed) ALEXR MUNRO, Chairman.

At a meeting of the Freeholders and Inhabitants of the parish of Westmoreland, held at the Schoolhouse on the Bay Verte Road, the 4th day of June, 1850,

Mr. Nelson Beckwith was appointed Chairman, and Mr. J. H. Walker, Secretary to the meeting.

The several Resolutions passed at the meeting held at Bay Verte on Friday, the 31st day of May last, on the subject of the proposed Railway from Halifax to Quebec, together with the correspondence with Mr. Campbell and Mr. Wright, relative thereto, having been read, it was—

Resolved, unanimously—That this meeting do approve and adopt the same Resolutions, and that the several memorials and petitions thereto mentioned be also approved and signed by all present.

Resolved—That this meeting defer the consideration of the plan proposed by the said meeting at Bay Verte of providing funds for the furtherance of this great undertaking, by means of a sessional or rateable contribution, either in kind, produce or labour, or money, the details whereof are to be held on this subject.

Resolved, unanimously—That this meeting bears witness to the progress made by the Canadian Land and Railway Association, and the attention gratified by many of its members to remove themselves to the British North American colonies.

(Signed) NELSON BECKWITH, Chairman.

At a meeting of the Freeholders and Inhabitants of the Parish of Westmoreland, held at the Schoolhouse on the Bay Verte Road, on Friday, the 10th day of June, 1850,

Hartman Trueman, Esq. was appointed Chairman, and Mr. Wm. L. Trueman, Secretary to the meeting.

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