

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 28th May, 1883.

On a Report dated 11th May, 1883, from the Minister of Railways and Canals, submitting an application from the Napanee, Tamworth and Quebec Railway Company for Dominion aid towards the construction of their line, such line running as proposed, from Napanee, on the Tamworth River, Bay of Quinté, Ontario, north to the River Ottawa, at Point Alexander.

The Minister observes that from examination made and reports submitted by Mr. Walter Shanly, C.E., and an officer of the Department of Railways and Canals, it appears that the line has been well located, passing through a country rich in agricultural and mineral resources, especially iron, and abounding in water power rendering it well adapted for manufactures, of which a considerable number are already in existence. That in its course northward it intersects with the lines of the Ontario and Quebec and the Toronto and Ottawa Railways, connecting also with the Grand Trunk at its starting, and prospectively with the Canadian Pacific and the Province of Quebec at its terminal points, placing these lines in direct communication with the navigation of Lake Ontario, and thereby occupying a position which entitles it to consideration at the hands of the Dominion.

The Minister further observes that it appears from the reports cited, the total distance between Napanee and the points of junction with the Ontario and Quebec, and Toronto and Ottawa roads, which form the immediate object of the Company's work, is 50 miles, and that of this distance about 28 miles are now graded.

The Minister, considering that this line is by virtue of its present connections and objects a work deserving of Dominion aid, recommends that the authority of Parliament be sought during the present Session for the grant of a subsidy to this Company to the extent of \$3,200 a mile, for a distance not exceeding 28 miles, or the sum of \$89,600.

The Committee concur in the foregoing recommendation, and submit the same for Your Excellency's approval.

JOHN J. MCGEE, *C.P.O.*

NAPANEE, TAMWORTH AND QUEBEC RAILWAY Co.

NAPANEE, Ont., 31st May, 1883.

DEAR SIR,—We desire to proceed with our work at once, will you kindly inform us of the nature of the descriptions, specifications, and work to be done, so as to enable us to obtain from your Government the grant made at the last Session to our railway.

I am, yours very truly,

W. S. WILLIAMS, *Sec. N. T. & Q. R. R. Co.*

HON. SIR CHARLES TUPPER, Minister of Railways.

A.—NAPANEE, TAMWORTH AND QUEBEC RAILWAY SPECIFICATIONS AND DESCRIPTIONS.

1. The railway shall be a single track line, with guage 4 feet 8½ inches, with necessary sidings.
2. The alignment and gradients and curvature shall be the best the physical features of the country will admit of, the maximum grade not to exceed 92 feet to the mile, and the minimum curvature not to be of less radius than 955 feet.
3. In all wooded sections the land must be cleared to the width of not less than 50 feet on each side of the central line; all brush and logs must be completely burnt and none thrown on the adjacent land.
4. All stumps must be grubbed out within the limits of cuttings under 3 feet in depth or embankments less than 2 feet in depth.
5. All stumps must be close cut where embankments are less than 4 feet and more than 2 feet in height.