

That the said railway has given an impetus to lumbering operations, thereby adding to the provincial revenue.

That very large quantities of square timber, lumber, railway ties, telegraph poles, fence posts, tan bark and other products of the forest, and also iron ore and other minerals have been carried out on the line of the said railway, thereby creating a demand for crown lands bearing such marketable and remunerative articles of trade.

Your petitioners on careful review of the entire subject respectfully urge that the advantages accruing to the Province of Ontario and Dominion of Canada generally are of greater magnitude and importance than those afforded to your petitioners, and they venture most respectfully to beg that Your Honor in Council may at an early date devise a scheme somewhat similar to the municipal loan fund, by which your petitioners may obtain a reasonable amount of relief from the heavy burden of taxation under which for railway purposes they are now suffering.

And your petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray.

(Signed,)

THOMAS SMITHSON,

Warden.

Passed at Lindsay this Twenty-fifth day of January, A. D. 1884.

(Signed,)

T. MATCHETT,

Clerk.