Copy of a Report of a Committee of the Honorable the Executive Council, approved by His Excellency the Governor General in Council on the 8th April, 1865.

The Committee have had under consideration the annexed Report, dated 7th April 1865, from the Hon. the Postmaster General, submitting for the sanction of Your Excellency in Council the terms on which he proposes contracts should be entered into with the several Railway Companies for the performance of the Railway Postal Service in this Province, founded—as respects the Grand Trunk Railway—on a special agreement made between him, the Postmaster General, and the Manager of that Railway Company, as set forth in the said annexed Report, and as respects all other Railways in the Province,—on the recommendation contained in the Report of the Commissioners appointed under the Order in Council of the 15th November 1864, and the Committee respectfully advise that the several recommendations submitted in the said Report of the Postmaster General be approved and carried out, and that the necessary contract be entered into for giving effect to the same with the Grand Trunk Railway.

The Committee submit their concurrence in the opinion expressed by the Hon. the Postmaster General that it would be for the interest, both of the Public and of the Railways, that all Postal Railway Service should be performed and paid for under definite Contracts.

Certified, W. H. LEE,
C. E. C.

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT,
Quebec, 7th April, 1865.

Upon the reference of the report dated the 29th ult., (with a supplementary note bearing date the following day), by the Commissioners appointed under the Order in Council of the 15th November, 1864, to enquire into matters connected with the Railway Postal Service, of the result of their investigation, the Postmaster General has the honor respectfully to submit to His Excellency the Governor General in Council that he has given this Report the careful consideration which the importance of the subject demands, and that he finds that the Commissioners state, with regard to the determination of a Postal rate in compensation for present and future Railway Mail Service, that they "entertain no doubt that 5 cents per train "mile would be a very fair compensation for the space required by the Post "Office, namely, one third of a car, equivalent to a weight of 3⅓ tons, upon "any of our Canadian Railways."

The Commissioners proceed to state that this 5 cents per train mile has been computed on the basis of *freight train* speed, and that they propose to add to make up rates for mail conveyance by "*quick* Passenger," or by "mixed trains" 60 per cent in the case of the former, and 20 per cent in the case of the latter description of trains, and that "they believe that the "amount thus arrived at, namely, 6 cents per train mile for mixed trains, "and 8 cents per train mile, for *quick* passenger trains, may be considered "a liberal compensation for the service at present required by the Post "Office on the ordinary Railroads of the Province.

The Commissioners state that for certain reasons given, they think the Grand Trunk and Great Western Railroads entitled to some advance upon these general rates, and recommend that the tariff of rates should stand thus: for the conveyance of mails with a space allotted to the Post Office "equal in length to one third of an ordinary Baggage Car, by the whole "width, fitted up under the direction of the Postmaster General, and com-"fortably heated and lighted to his satisfaction."

NOTE.—10 cents per train mile equal to		$62 60	per mile of Railway, per annum, for one daily service each way.	
9 cents	do	$56 34	do	do
8 cents	do	$50 08	do	do
6 cents	do	$37 56	do	do