

Mr. CASSELS—I beg the hon. gentleman's pardon; we paid for it. Now, from Queen Street, eastward, all the land south of the hundred feet strip is vacant until you get to the Central Prison. The fence of the prison is of brick, and about ten feet high; but between it and the track, there is a space of fifty-three feet. That is what Mr. Bailey and Mr. Shanly stated on oath, and the plan shows it. Now, is the Central Prison going to be hurt by taking ten or twelve feet for a railway track between the fence and the railway lines? It would not even hurt the house of Captain Prince, who resides near there. It is all open space. Then between the emigrant sheds and the ordnance strip there is a space of twenty-three feet.

Mayor BEATTY—That is Dominion Government property.

Mr. CASSELS—Well, all the better; they are friendly to the Credit Valley Railway. Now, to show the position that we have taken with regard to the Credit Valley Railway, I shall quote from some letters written by Mr. Laidlaw to Mr. Hickson. The first is dated the 4th March, 1879. Mr. Laidlaw writes:—

“We want an independent line to Bathurst Street and access to the Union Station on reasonable terms, and facilities for the freighting business on our water lots between the Yacht Club and the Waterworks.

On the 10th March, he says:—

“Mr. Hickson has always met me in a most kind and friendly spirit, and I am sure that no feeling he may have with regard to myself, personally, or *vice versa*, can affect our negotiations unfavorably.”

That correspondence was continued into May, and Mr. Hickson offered him every possible facility. On the 30th of May Mr. Laidlaw writes to the Northern to say that the Grand Trunk Railway manifested every disposition to facilitate the entrance of the Credit Valley Railway into the city, and on the 6th June a letter was written by Mr. Hickson offering him every possible facility, and setting forth certain propositions, which I shall now read.

“I was sorry that I could not see you when you called at the Queen Hotel yesterday morning. I was just in the act of dressing, and when I got down stairs I heard you had left. I sent up to your office to-day to see if you or Mr. Ross could come down and have a conference with me respecting terminal accommodation in this city, and I found that you were both out of town. I also inquired for Mr. Campbell, the Vice-President of your company, and I found that he was out of town also. I rather regret this, because I intended to take up a subject which we proposed to discuss in a general way with you, and to determine whether it is possible for us to make a satisfactory arrangement with your company for an exchange of business and terminal facilities in this city.

“I may say to you that we desire to give your company accommodation in our station here, and to afford you all the facilities which we reasonably can, on fair terms.

“If you do not return to Toronto before I leave, I hope that you will run down to Montreal in order that we may talk the matter over.

“I may, in this letter, indicate generally the sort of arrangement which I think we could enter into.

“1st. That you shall run your freight and passenger trains to our stations in this city, making use of our track from the neighborhood of Bathurst Street.

“2nd. That we afford you accommodation for the working of your freight and passenger traffic on and in our premises.

“3rd. That, so far as your traffic in and out of this city is concerned, we do the work, with our staff, of booking, billing and handling for you, on terms agreed upon.

“4th. That, as regards rates and other arrangements strictly pertaining to your business, our staff are to carry out the instructions of your officers.

“5th. Your trains and employes, when on the premises of the Grand Trunk Company, to be subject to our regulations and under the control of our officers.

“6th. In consideration of our giving you rates and facilities for traffic from the line of your road to points east of Toronto, you are to co-operate with us in developing such traffic, and not to enter into competition with us so as to injure our business eastward.”

Is not that reasonable. Is it not a reasonable proposition to say to the Credit Valley Railway “We will give you every facility if you will work with us and send your traffic over our line eastward?”