

the Government of Canada ; that neither he nor any other party was ever paid for the work ; that no other party makes claim and that he alone is entitled to payment for it ; that his claim was investigated by a tribunal appointed by the Government, and was sustained almost in its entirety ; that this judicial award has been apparently ignored by the officers of the Government in their consideration of his claim.

Looking to the origin of this remarkable claim as set forth in the public records and having regard to the public services rendered by Mr. Higginson related in the letter of Sir Sandford Fleming of March 24, 1903, and other documents, we humbly think that the claimant has an indisputable right to just, even generous, treatment. We therefore respectfully urge upon your consideration two alternative courses to dispose of this matter. (1) A reference to Judge Burbidge as Arbitrator or (2) A fiat to send it to the Exchequer Court, at the same time waiving the Statute of Limitations and so placing the claimant in the position he would have occupied had a fiat been granted in 1881.

We have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servants,

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