

for the required assistance ; and after several interviews with the Premier and other members of the Government, I addressed a letter to the Minister of Railways and Canals, containing an explanation of the reasons which had prompted the request for a loan ; such statements respecting the Company's affairs as were required fully to elucidate its position and requirements, and suggestions as to the particulars of the aid applied for. This letter was as follows :

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY,

MONTREAL, 15th January, 1884.

SIR,

I have the honour, on behalf of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, to lay before you for the information of the Government, the following representations.

In the beginning of November last, I had the honour of submitting to the Government a proposal for its co-operation, in securing a minimum dividend at the rate of three per cent. per annum upon the outstanding stock of the Company, which the Company believed would have the effect of increasing the market value of its shares to such an extent, as to make the unissued stock available to assist in providing funds for the completion of the Canadian Pacific Railway by the end of 1885. And this belief was shared by the friends and financial agents of the Company, in the principal financial centres of Europe and the United States.

As you are aware, the Government, after a very full discussion of the matter, thought fit to accede to the request of the Company, and entered into an arrangement for securing the payment of a semi-annual dividend at the rate of three per cent. per annum on the outstanding stock of the Company, amounting to \$65,000,000 ; under which the sum of \$8,710,240 in cash was placed in the hands of the Government, afterwards supplemented by a