

OTTAWA, 12th February, 1883.

SIR,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th ultimo, requesting the preparation of a Bill for the indemnity of the Town of Pembroke for expenditures in connection with the Canada Central Railway Company.

The Town of Pembroke asks to be indemnified in respect of an issue of debentures, to the extent of \$75,000 to the Canada Central Railway Company, and for an expenditure of \$3,500, a balance for right of way; and the Government for reasons set forth agree to invite Parliament to give the indemnity. The debentures were issued on the credit of the town, and there appears to be no reason for considering any one except the town in giving the indemnity. In that view of it I see no necessity for a special Act. It will not be necessary to do more than ask Parliament to vote the amount required in the Appropriation Act. Papers returned.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

GEORGE W. BURBIDGE, *D. M. J.*

A. P. BRADLEY, Esq., Secretary Railways and Canals.

No. 18,918. Memorandum.

OTTAWA, 14th Feb., 1883.

The undersigned has the honor to represent that under date, the 19th of May, 1882, an Order was passed approving of the assumption on the part of the Government of certain pecuniary responsibilities incurred by the Corporation of the Town of Pembroke, having in view the extension of the line of the Canada Central Railway to Pembroke as a terminal point, a position which, by the subsequent action of the Government in the adoption of a change of route for the Canadian Pacific Railway, the town, to its great injury, lost.

That the said Order authorized the submission to Parliament during the present Session, of a measure by means of which the relief asked for by the Corporation could be granted. The matter, however, having recently been submitted to the Department of Justice for the preparation of such a Bill, that Department has reported under date, the 12th inst., to the effect that a special Act is not necessary.

Upon such report, the undersigned recommends that authority be given for placing in the Estimates for the year 1883-84, to be laid before Parliament during the present Session, a special item of eighty-five thousand two hundred and fifty dollars, (\$85,250.00), to be paid to the Corporation of the Town of Pembroke, the sum named being arrived at as follows:—

Debentures issued.....	\$75,000
Balance of indebtedness for right of way.....	3,500
Interest on the said debentures, from the half year following the date of the Order in Council approving of the assumption of the liability, namely, from July 1st, 1882, to July 1st, 1883.....	6,750
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	\$85,250

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES TUPPER, *Minister Railways and Canals.*

CERTIFIED COPY of a Report of a Committee of the Honorable the Privy Council, approved by His Excellency the Governor General in Council, on the 27th March, 1883.

On a Report, dated 14th February, 1883, from the Minister of Railways and Canals, submitting that, under date the 19th of May, 1882, an Order in Council was passed approving of the assumption on the part of the Government of certain pecuniary responsibilities incurred by the Corporation of the Town of Pembroke, having in view the extension of the line of the Canada Central Railway to Pembroke as a ter-