

The Minister recommends that the location as submitted be approved accordingly. The Committee submit the above recommendation for Your Excellency's approval.

OHN J. MCGEE.

Hon. Minister Railways and Canals.

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RETURN OF CORRESPONDENCE RELATING TO PROGRESS OF THE WORK.

*From March 30th, 1882, to February 1st, 1883.*

OTTAWA, 24th August, 1882.

SIR,—I am directed by the Acting Minister, Mr. Pope, to call your attention to the condition expressed in the 4th clause of your contract with the Government, by which it is stipulated that the construction of the two several portions of your line, defined as the Eastern and the Central Sections respectively, should proceed *pari passu*, the work on both being so to be carried on "vigorously and continuously" as to secure the completion of both by the same date.

In view of the important bearing of this condition, I am instructed to request that you will be pleased to furnish the Department with a statement embodying the information as to your works on this Eastern Section furnished verbally by you from time to time, together with such further facts as you may be in a position to give, with a view to affording satisfactory evidence that your Company is fully complying with the principle of vigorous and continuous work on this section which was so fundamental a feature of your contract.

I am particularly to request that your statement may embrace full information as to the works on that portion of the line from Thunder Bay eastwards, assurances as to the commencement of which were recently given by you.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

A. P. BRADLEY, *Secretary.*

CHARLES DRINKWATER, Esq., Secretary C. P. R. Co.

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CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY,

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY, MONTREAL, 26th August, 1882.

SIR,—I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 24th inst., respecting the progress of the works on the Eastern Section of the Canadian Pacific Railway.

I am instructed by the Board to say, that on the return to Montreal of the Consulting Engineer, who is at present on the works on the Eastern Section, a report will be obtained from him of the present condition of the works, and that the Department will be furnished with the fullest information with respect thereto.

I am instructed further to say, that the Directors fully appreciate the necessity for pushing this work vigorously forward; that no efforts will be spared in that direction, and that they confidently expect to complete the section of the railway in question, long before the period named in the Company's charter.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

C. DRINKWATER, *Secretary.*

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

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OTTAWA, 3rd October, 1882.

SIR,—By direction of the Chairman of the Railway Committee of the Hon. the Privy Council, I enclose for your information and guidance, an Order passed this