

accordance with your request, submitted to the Legislature, and was by that body referred to a special committee, who immediately took the matter into consideration.

The enclosed document is a copy of their report, by which you will see that the committee could not, owing to the limited means at the disposal of the Legislature, recommend a further subsidy to the company from the revenues of the Province.

The Government are fully alive to the importance of keeping the road open, and to the inconvenience and injury that would result from the closing thereof, and as the committee, in their report, request the Government of the Province to urge on the Dominion Government the necessity of rendering assistance to the Windsor and Annapolis Railway Company, a copy of the said report will be forwarded to the Honorable the Secretary of State for the Provinces, together with an urgent request that the matter will receive the earnest consideration of the Dominion Government.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
(Signed)

J. A. MANN, Esq.,
Halifax.

W. B. VAIL.

The Committee to whom was referred the Memorial of the Windsor and Annapolis Railway Company praying for state relief beg leave to report as follows:—

Your Committee learn with regret from the Solicitor of the Company that its financial affairs are so embarrassed as to threaten the closing of the road to the public at no distant day, and your committee would recommend the Government to adopt every means within its power to avert this event.

Your Committee taking into consideration the large subsidy already contributed by the Province towards the building of this Railway, the claims of several sections of the Province for the extension of railways through them, the recent legislation for this object, and the limited means at the disposal of the Legislature, cannot recommend the payment of a further subsidy from the local revenue to the Company.

Your Committee sympathize with the Company, and regret exceedingly that the Provincial Legislature has not the means of assisting them in their difficulties with a money grant, and your Committee would respectfully request the Government of this Province to urge on the Dominion Government the propriety and necessity of rendering such assistance to the Company as will prevent this useful and important railroad being closed, and in the meantime to endeavor to make such arrangements as will secure to the travelling public the use of the road.

(Signed)

D. MACDONALD,
SAMUEL RETTIE,
WM. HENRY ALLISON,
JOHN FLINN,
JAMES EISENHAEUER.

Committee Room,
17th April, 1872.

A true copy,
(Signed) L. G. POWER,

Clerk Assistant, House of Assembly.