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HUDSON'S BAY & PACIFIC RAILWAY

AND

NEW STEAMSHIP ROUTE SYNDICATE, LIMITED.

EXTRACTS FROM LETTERS.

From the **HON. T. M. DALY** (Minister of the Interior of the Dominion Government of Canada).

"I note your views generally respecting the Hudson's Bay route. I must say I cordially agree in the opinions you express in this relation; and speaking for myself, no one has been more anxious than I to see this road an accomplished fact. I think it would give to our North-West trade an impetus, and produce results such as could not fail to be of the utmost benefit to that country and Canada as a whole."

From the **MARQUIS OF DUFFERIN & AVA, K.G.** (British Ambassador to France, formerly Governor General to Canada).

"I am very much obliged to you for your letter of the 5th, and the enclosure in reference to the proposed railway from Port Churchill on Hudson's Bay to the interior of the North-West territory of Canada. Any undertaking which tends to facilitate intercourse between Great Britain and the Dominion is undoubtedly worthy of every support. I am glad to see, however, that the papers you have sent me contain assurances from the officers of the Hudson's Bay Company that the ice is no impediment to the working of the project. The advantages of the plan seem obvious."

Again from the **MARQUIS OF DUFFERIN & AVA, K.G.**

"In reply to your letter, I beg to say that I can have no possible objection to your interesting pamphlet being dedicated to me."

From **MR. FURNESS, M.P.** (of Messrs. Furness, Withey & Co., Ship Owners).

"The scheme has a great future before it."

From **LORD CHARLES BERESFORD** (Superintendent of H.M. Dockyard, Chatham).

"Lord Charles Beresford desires to express his thanks. He considers the idea a most important one."

From **SIR LEOPOLD M'CLINTOCK** (the famous Arctic Explorer).

"I shall be glad to see the proposed Hudson's Bay Route completed. I wish you all success."

From **OLEMENT R. MARKHAM** (President of the Royal Geographical Society).

"I am much obliged to you for sending me your Pamphlet on the proposed Hudson's Bay and Pacific Railway, which is a very complete collection of the information that is on the subject and arranged in a very complete form. I look upon the establishment of the route as a matter of great importance."

From **A. L. LIGHT, C.E.** (Consulting Engineer to the Province of Quebec).

Quebec, 15th December, 1893.

"I duly received your pamphlet on the proposed Hudson's Bay and Pacific Railway. It covers the ground; every statement is reasonable and not overdrawn, and is supported by independent and trustworthy testimony. The enterprise moreover is feasible, and it seems to be necessary to the requirements of this great and rapidly developing region."

From **JOHN NELSON**, Whitewood, Assinibola.

July 2nd, 1894.

"The proposed Railway from Port Churchill through the rich Prairie Lands to Calgary is causing great interest here. Several enthusiastic meetings of the settlers have been held denouncing the high prohibitory rates of freight by the Canadian Pacific Railway and resolving to use every legitimate means in their power to induce the Dominion Government to assist in every possible manner the carrying out of the projected Railway. The freight on the Canadian Pacific Railway and the present price of grain in Europe leaves little or no profit to the grower. Immigration has almost ceased, and unless the Churchill Railway is constructed the end must come, the land will go out of cultivation and the fruitful prairie land be abandoned to nature; this is a serious reflection to me and others; after many years of toil, and you cannot wonder at the perfect unanimity of our public meetings in urging the Government to assist in the carrying out of the Hudson's Bay Railway, which is our only hope for the future; but we are buoyed up in the belief that from the recent discussions in the Dominion Legislature, and the articles in the Public Press extending from Nova Scotia to the Pacific, the commencement of this great national undertaking will not be longer delayed."

Favourable Letters have also been received from—

The Marquis of Salisbury, the Lord Egerton of Tatton, James Rankin, Esq., M.P., Sir John Leng, M.P., Lord George Hamilton, M.P., Sir Horace Farquhar, Admiral Colomb, Lord Wolesey, Sir Alfred Jephson, James Johnson, Esq., of Ottawa, and others.

At the present price of wheat the Farmers cannot pay the charges for conveyance over the Canadian Pacific Railway. The proposed Railway will save upwards of 1,300 miles to and from England at a reduction of freight of one half.

The Newspapers of Canada state that the Railroad is an absolute necessity or the land will go out of cultivation.