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I have the honor to be, Sir, your obedient servant,

F. BRAUN, Secretary.

Hon. A. DeCosmos, M.P., House of Commons, Ottawa.

Cory of a Report of a Committee of the Honorable the Privy Council, approved by His Excellency the Governor General in Council on the 9th June, 1876.

The Committee of Council have had under consideration the memorandum hereunto annexed from the Hon. Mr. Mackenzie, submitting the expediency of obtaining from the Government of British Columbia a conveyance of the land twenty miles in width on each side of the portion of the Canadian Pacific Railway line surveyed and located in that Province, and they respectfully submit their concurrence therein, and advise that a copy thereof, and of the Minute be transmitted to the Government of British Columbia.

Certified, W. A. HIMSWORTH, C. P. C.

To the Hon. the Minister of Public Works, &c., &c.

OTTAWA, 7th June, 1876.

The undersigned has the honor to report that under the terms by which British Columbia entered the Dominion of Canada, the Government of that Province agreed to convoy to the Dominion Government in trust, to be appropriated in such manner as the Dominion Government may deem advisable in furtherance of the construction of what is known as the Canadian Pacific Railway, a similar extent of public lands along the line of railway throughout its entire length in British Columbia (not to exceed, however, twenty miles on each side of said line) as may be appropriated for the same purpose by the Dominion Government from the public lands of the North-West Territories and the Province of Manitoba.

That the Government of Canada have already, by Order in Council, withdrawn for sale or settlement all lands in the Province of Manitoba within twenty miles of each side of railway line surveyed, and also for a distance of twenty miles to the westward of Fort Pelly, in the North-West Territories, and further extending from a point twenty miles westerly of Fort Pelly to a point twenty miles westerly of the mouth of Battle River, and further for twenty miles on each side of the railway from a point twenty miles westerly of the Battle River to Jasper House, in the Yellow Head Pass, through the Rocky Mountains.

That the line of railway has been defined and located through part of the Province of British Columbia, and that it is desirable, with a view of enabling the Government of Canada to proceed with the construction of the railway, that the lands along such line of railway and for twenty miles on each side of the line may be conveyed to the Dominion Government in accordance with the 11th paragraph of the terms of Union.

The description of the line so located, to which reference is above made, is as follows:—

Commencing at a point on the eastern boundary of British Columbia, in the Yellow Head Pass, through the Rocky Mountains, the line follows down the valley of the River Fraser to Grand Rapids, a distance of about 185 (one hundred and eighty-five) miles; thence westerly, turning the north end of the Cariboo Range, and, cutting