

proportionate to the value of the portion so completed in comparison with the value of the whole work undertaken, to be established by the report of the Minister of Railways and Canals.

The Minister represents that upon application from the Company, an inspection has been made of the first ten miles of the said subsidized line by the proper officer of his Department, whose report, dated the 8th ult., shows the work to have been satisfactorily executed and to be fully up to the standard required by the agreement between the Company and the Government.

That the Inspecting Engineer was not at that date in possession of the information necessary to estimate the proportionate value of this section.

The Company, however, have now, under date the 5th inst., furnished such information, and on the 10th inst the Engineer has reported that the data supplied as to the quantities on this section, and as to those on the whole line between St. Raymond and Lake St. John, are sufficient to justify him in considering the work on the first ten-miles section to be a fair average of the whole work undertaken. The Chief Engineer has thereupon advised payment of the subsidy of \$3,200 a mile on this section.

The Minister accordingly recommends that authority be given for payment of the subsidy of \$3,200 a mile for this distance of ten miles, or a total of \$32,000.

The Committee submit the above recommendation for Your Excellency's approval.

JOHN J. MCGEE.

Hon. Minister of Railways and Canals.

NAPANEE, TAMWORTH AND QUEBEC RAILWAY COMPANY.

To the Right Honourable Sir John A. Macdonald, K.C.B., Premier of the Dominion of Canada :—

The petition of the undersigned, a few of the inhabitants of the Electoral Division of Lennox, your County humbly, sheweth :

That the 'Napanee, Tamworth and Quebec Railway Company have purchased the right of way, and graded their railway from the Town of Napanee to the Village of Tamworth, and desire to extend the same to connect with the Ontario and Quebec, Toronto and Ottawa, and Canadian Pacific Railway.

The municipalities of Napanee, Newburgh, Camden and Sheffield have granted bonuses to the extent of \$87,500 to assist said Company to build said road.

The road runs through a good agricultural and manufacturing country to Tamworth, and from Tamworth northward through a country rich in mineral deposits. Along the whole line of said road water powers of unexceptional magnitude abound, which are as yet unutilized on account of no railway facilities to assist them.

Said Company have as yet received no aid from any Government, and cannot proceed with their work until some assistance is given them, and unless such assistance is given a large amount of money will be lost to the county, and the country through which said road runs, and is to run, will lie dormant, while other parts of Canada, which have such facilities, must and will progress.

Your petitioners believe that said road is much needed for the development of our country, and will be the means of adding wealth to the State. Your petitioners therefore humbly pray that you will cause to be put in the Supplementary Estimates this Session, a sum sufficient to enable said Company to complete said road from the town of Napanee to connect with the Ontario and Quebec Railway, and as in duty bound, will ever pray.

Signed by **ARIAL P. WOOD**, *Warden*,
CHARLES JAMES, *Mayor of Napanee*.
and thirty-nine others.

NAPANEE, 4th May, 1883.