

EXHIBIT No. 57.

EXTRACTS from General Report of the Commissioner of Public Works for the Province of Quebec, 1889.

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The undersigned has the honour to submit the General Report of the Department of Public Works for the twelve months from 1st January to 31st December, 1889.

The work done by this Department is chiefly in connection with the different public buildings, the insurances against fire upon those buildings and their contents, the subsidies granted to railway companies, and for building iron bridges.

RAILWAYS.

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Appendix No. 3 shows the present condition of the railways in course of construction in this Province, and the work performed upon each road during the year 1889. This statement is followed by tables, giving the amounts paid to the various companies during the twelve months of 1889, on account of their respective subsidies, as well as the amounts paid on the old accounts and for the outstanding claims of the former Quebec, Ottawa and Occidental Railway.

The Government, acting upon Article 596 of the Revised Statutes of the Province of Quebec, 1888, has believed it to be its duty to employ Commissioners to establish the amount of the outstanding claims against the Hereford and the Baie des Chaleurs Railway Companies in consequence of the difficulties which have arisen in connection with these two companies on account of the non-payment of the labourers and purveyors of supplies, &c.

Mr. John P. Noyes, Advocate of Waterloo, was entrusted with the enquiry in connection with the Hereford Railway Company. His report, which forms part of Appendix No. 3, establishes that the claims for which this company is responsible to the labourers and purveyors of supplies, &c., who have built portion of its road, amount to the sum of \$36,131.49. The amount of the subsidy accruing to the Hereford Company will be applied, with as little delay as possible, to the extent of this sum in payment of these claims.

Mr. Charles Langelier, Advocate of Quebec, was entrusted with the enquiry concerning the Baie des Chaleurs Railway. His preliminary report shows that about \$29,000 is owing to the labourers, purveyors of supplies, &c., who constructed the railway, for which the company had then a right to receive a subsidy from the Government.

A portion of this amount, that is to say about \$17,000, has already been paid to those entitled to the same, and the balance will be paid forthwith.

In both cases the companies have been called upon by the commissioners to urge, in opposition to the claims filed, all the lawful pleas they can present.

The whole respectfully submitted.

(Signed)

P. GARNEAU,
Commissioner.

BAIE DES CHALEURS RAILWAY.

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Ten miles were this year added to the fifty miles already nearly completed of this line last year from its junction with the Intercolonial to within a few miles of the Grand Cascapedia River. During the last twelve months the Company caused Messrs. MacFarlane & Son to complete the unfinished works on the section extending between Metapedia and the 50th mile. These sub-contractors took a contract