

PUBLIC WORKS,

OTTAWA, 25th January, 1872.

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SIR,—I am directed by the Minister to enquire whether Mr. Grant the engineer has visited Paspebiac Bay, and whether he has reported the result of his examination of the harbor at that place; also whether, in the event of his not having yet been there, Mr. Grant would still have time to do so after the end of the present month.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,
(Signed,) F. BRAUN,
Secretary.

Sandford Fleming, Esq.,
Engineer in Chief,
Intercolonial Railway,
Ottawa.

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INTERCOLONIAL,

CHIEF ENGINEER'S OFFICE,

OTTAWA, February 2nd, 1872.

F. Braun, Esq.,
Secretary, Public Works.

SIR,—In reply to your letter of 21st January, respecting Mr. Grant's visit to Paspebiac Bay, I beg to explain that the reason given to me why he has not made the visit before now, is that he has been unwell. It is, however, intended that he shall start for Paspebiac very soon, say within ten days.

Yours truly,
(Signed,) SANDFORD FLEMING.

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[OTTAWA, April 17th, 1872.

F. Braun, Esq.,
Secretary, Public Works.

SIR,—I beg to enclose a copy of a plan and report for a railway from Metapedia to Paspebiac on the Bay of Chaleur, as well as remarks on a proposed harbor at the latter place.

The examination and report was made by Mr. Peter Grant in accordance with instructions received from the Minister.

I am, &c.,
(Signed,) SANDFORD FLEMING,
Chief Engineer.

(No. 22,291.)

INTERCOLONIAL RAILWAY, ENGINEER'S OFFICE,
RESTIGOUCHE DISTRICT, Section No. 19,
Metapedia, 30th March, 1872.

SIR,—In accordance with your instructions arising from a letter written by Theodore Robitaille, Esquire, M. P., bearing date 18th January, 1872, I have the honour to submit the following report to be laid before the Honorable the Commissioner of Public Works, with a view of furnishing information relative to the merits and capabilities of a winter harbour and harbour of refuge at Paspebiac on the Bay of Chaleur and the forming of a railway connection with some point of the Intercolonial, by which means a much shorter route will be obtained to Britain, than any at present existing.