

The Minister, on the advice of the Chief Engineer, recommends that authority be now given for the payment of the subsidy contemplated by the Act, for the distance of 16 miles now completed, being at the rate of \$3,200 a mile, or a total of \$51,200 and making, with the sum of \$92,800 already paid for the first 29 miles, a total payment of \$144,000.

The Committee advise that the requisite authority be granted accordingly.

JOHN J. MCGEE, *C.P.C.*

Hon. Minister Railways and Canal.

QUEBEC AND LAKE ST. JOHN RAILWAY.

CERTIFIED COPY of a Report of a Committee of the Honorable the Privy Council, approved by His Excellency the Governor General in Council, on the 7th June, 1883.

On a Report dated 17th May, 1883, from the Minister of Railways and Canals, submitting that by an Act passed last Session, 45 Vic., chap. 14, authority was given for the grant of a subsidy towards the construction of a line of railway from St. Raymond to Lake St. John, in the Province of Quebec, such subsidy not to exceed \$3,200 a mile, nor, in the whole, \$384,000.

The Minister represents that under an Order in Council, dated the 23rd March last, authority has been given for entering into contract with the Quebec and Lake St. John Railway Company, with a view to its subsidy under the said Act; no contract has, however, yet been signed.

The Minister further represents that under date the 25th April, ult., the Quebec and Lake St. John Railway Company have made representations to the effect that while the aforesaid Act duly provided for the terminal points of the subsidized line, the estimate, as formed upon the distance which their proposed road would traverse, is erroneous and the amount insufficient, such distance being, they state, 145 miles in place of 120 miles, the distance contemplated in the Act. They ask accordingly that such additional subsidy may be granted as will cover the difference.

The Minister, recognizing the intention of the Act to have been the grant of a subsidy over the whole distance, recommends that the approval of Parliament be sought to the grant of a further subsidy to this Company over and above that provided for by the Act 45 Vic., chap. 14, such further subsidy to be \$3,200 a mile for an additional distance of 25 miles, not exceeding the sum of eighty thousand dollars (\$80,000).

The Committee submit the foregoing for Your Excellency's approval.

JOHN J. MCGEE.

OTTAWA, 13th August, 1883.

Memorandum.—The undersigned has the honor to represent that under date the 23rd of March last, an Order in Council was passed giving authority to the Minister of Railways and Canals, in the event of a certain Bill then before the Legislature of the Province of Quebec becoming law, which Bill contemplated the amendment and consolidation of various Acts respecting the Quebec and Lake St. John Railway Company, to enter into an agreement with that Company in respect of the construction of that portion of their line between St. Raymond and Lake St. John, and the grant of the subsidy therefor sanctioned by the Act of the Dominion Government passed the previous Session.

That, with one or two minor changes, the Bill in question did become law as the Provincial Act 46 Vic., chap. 88; and the undersigned now recommends that approval be given to the descriptions and specifications annexed to the accompanying draft of an agreement which it is proposed to make with the said Company, and to the dates, for completion proposed, as follows, namely, for completion to a point near the southern extremity of the Island of Lake Edward by the 31st of December, 1885,