

aid line of railway was then complete, and the said last-mentioned rate was inadequate remuneration for your Petitioners for the services performed in the conveyance of the said mails, and the said Postal Services, by memorial to your Majesty's said Governor in Council, set forth their claims for such increased remuneration for the services performed by them in the carriage of the mails as they were fairly worth, and invited the consideration of your Majesty's said Government to the subject.

"That your Petitioners have from time to time, by various letters and communications addressed to your Majesty's said Government, through the official heads of the departments of the said Government, the Postmaster-General, and the Secretary of the Province, called the attention of your Majesty's said Government to the large balances due to your Petitioners from your Majesty's said Government, and claimed the payment thereof, and also claimed that the said rate of remuneration for the Postal Service aforesaid should be reconsidered by his Excellency the Governor-General of Canada in Council, in accordance with the provisions of the aforesaid Act of the Legislature of Canada, with the view to a clear and distinct understanding and agreement being arrived at between your Petitioners and your Majesty's said Government of Canada, to all of which letters and communications your Petitioners humbly beg leave to refer.

"That your Majesty's said Government and your Petitioners not being able to come to any agreement on the said rate of remuneration from the month of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-eight, it was agreed between your Petitioners and your Majesty's said Government that the settlement of the amount of the said remuneration should be decided by arbitration, and accordingly arbitrators for that purpose were mutually named and chosen by your Petitioners and your Majesty's said Government. The Honourable George Moffatt being the arbitrator named by your Majesty's said Government, and J. W. Brooks, Esq., being the arbitrator named by your Petitioners; and the Honourable William Henry Draper, the Chief Justice of the Court of Common Pleas in Upper Canada, being the third arbitrator chosen and agreed upon between your Petitioners and your Majesty's said Government.

"That after the appointment of the said arbitrators with the knowledge and consent of your Majesty's said Govern-