

PROGRESS REPORT
ON THE
CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY
EXPLORATORY SURVEY.

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY,

OFFICE OF THE ENGINEER IN CHIEF.

Ottawa, 10th April, 1872.

Hon. H. L. LANGEVIN, C. B.

Minister of Public Works,
&c., &c., &c.

SIR,

I have the honor to submit the following preliminary Report on the Canadian Pacific Railway Exploratory Survey, commenced in June last year.

According to the terms upon which British Columbia entered the Dominion of Canada, it became necessary to construct a Railway through to the Pacific coast, from some point which would form a junction with the existing Railway system in the Provinces of Ontario and Quebec.

The first important step towards the construction of the Railway, being to ascertain by instrumental and other examination where a practicable and eligible line could be found, a Survey became necessary.

The Parliament, at the last Session made a grant of money towards the Survey, and the Government subsequently appointed the undersigned to conduct it and to carry into execution such steps as might be considered best, in order to discover the most practicable line for the proposed Railway and obtain information respecting its general Engineering features.

It was deemed important to take such prompt and energetic action as would secure as much information on the subject as possible, before the next meeting of Parliament.