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“ That owing to divers causes the construction of the said railway was not commenced in British Columbia or elsewhere at the time agreed upon.	
“ That in 1874 the Government of Canada applied to British Columbia for and afterward secured and accepted, through the intervention and upon the recommendation of Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, an agreement for the relaxation of the railway clauses of the terms of Union; and the public faith and honour of Canada now stand pledged to carry the said agreement respecting the said relaxation of the railway clause of the terms of Union, forthwith into operation.	
“ That notwithstanding the public faith and honour of Canada stand twice solemnly pledged to construct the said railway and commence the actual construction thereof in British Columbia and elsewhere, and notwithstanding nearly five years have passed since the date of Union, and nearly three years have elapsed from the date at which Canada agreed first that the actual construction should be commenced, and nearly eighteen months since she agreed the second time to commence the construction, yet the Government have not, up to the present moment, commenced the actual construction of the said railway in the said Province.	
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