

3rd.—Such other provisions in respect of Government approval of proposed lines before construction; accepting municipal aid; issuing mortgage bonds; powers to acquire from the Canadian Pacific Railway Company uncompleted branch lines; authority to make proper connection with the main or branch lines of the Canadian Pacific Railway, etc., etc., as it may seem wise and prudent to grant.

Should the Government see fit to encourage my proposals, I desire to know as soon as possible their views in regard to the question of assistance—whether they will favor cash or land grants, as the proposed Bill cannot well be introduced until that point has been settled. As the work of the Session is now rapidly progressing, I beg respectfully to urge this matter upon the consideration of the Government, so that should the proposed measure be agreeable to the Ministry, the Bill which is now in course of preparation, may be completed and submitted to Parliament.

I have addressed circulars to the various municipalities in Manitoba asking for an expression of opinion on the question. In reply resolutions are coming in from all quarters urging upon the Government prompt action in favor of the proposed measure. These, as soon as a sufficient number to be representative of the Province arrive, I will enclose to you for consideration.

Meanwhile, permit me to say that the people of the North-West are exceedingly anxious to see the measure carried, believing as they do, and as I do, that by it much relief will be obtained and discontent removed.

I have the honor to be, sir,

Your obedient servant,

The Honorable

SIR CHARLES TUPPER,

*Minister of Railways,*

Ottawa.

THOS. SCOTT.