

(Translation.)

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
QUEBEC, 25th February, 1878.

The Lieutenant-Governor desires the Executive Council to prepare, for his consideration, a "factum" containing a copy of the following documents, viz:—

1. A copy of the Acts of the Federal Parliament authorising the construction of the railway now known under the name of "Quebec, Montreal, Ottawa and Occidental Railway," as well as a copy of the Acts of the Legislature of the Province of Quebec respecting the said railway.

2. A copy of the Acts of the Legislature of the Province of Quebec, respecting the building of the railway between Quebec and Montreal, which line is commonly designated by the name of "North Shore Railway."

3. A copy of the by-laws of each of the municipal corporations by which they undertook to help in constructing the said railways.

4. A statement of the amount of the bonus paid by each of those corporations, and a copy of the correspondence between the Government, its Commissioners or the contractors for the said railways, and the aforesaid municipalities, with regard to their bonus or subsidy.

5. A copy of the various contracts entered into for the building of those several roads.

6. A copy of the official or confidential reports of the Engineers who have been ordered to locate those lines of railway in whole or in part.

7. A copy of the report of the Railway Commissioners submitted to the Houses, during the present Session, with regard to the said railways.

8. A copy of the representations made to the Government by the municipal bodies so interested, of the ratepayers of those municipalities, with regard to the conditions of their bonus or subsidy.

9. A copy of the resolutions which have been proposed to the Provincial Legislature during the present Session, with regard to the aforesaid subsidies, and to facilitate the payment and collection thereof.

10. A copy of the Bill based on those resolutions which has been introduced in the Legislature of Quebec during the present Session.

11. A plan showing the several locatings of each of the said railways or of any part of them.

12. A statement of the reasons which led the Provincial Government not to be satisfied with the provisions of the statutory and public law, and of the civil code of this Province for the recovery of any sums of money which may be due by those corporations, but, without previously advising in any way with the Lieutenant-Governor, to propose *ex post facto* legislation, to compel them to pay.

Another very important Bill, to make provision for levying new taxes, has also been proposed to the Legislature, without having been previously submitted for the consideration of the Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor quite understands that propositions of secondary importance, and on which he has been previously officially informed, may be, as matter of routine, proposed to the Houses, without a special order from himself; but he cannot in any way permit that the Executive should make communications in his name to the Legislature, with regard to measures which are of a new and important character, without his special authorization, and without his having been previously fully informed and advised in respect thereof.

(Signed)

L. LETELLIER,

Lieutenant-Governor.