

Memorandum.

To His Excellency the Governor General in Council:—

We, the undersigned members of the House of Commons of Canada, from the Provinces of New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, humbly request the Petition of the Great European and North American Short Line Railway Company, hereto annexed, asking for a subsidy to the construction of its New Brunswick Division, from a point on the eastern boundary at or near Tidnish, to a connection with the Intercolonial Railway at or near Painsec Junction, a distance not to exceed twenty-five miles; and from a point at or near Salisbury on the said Intercolonial Railway to Fredericton, not to exceed ninety miles, may receive a subsidy as asked for from the Government of Canada at the rate of \$3,200 per mile.

Dated at Ottawa the 17th day of April, 1883.

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DAVID IRVINE,
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To His Excellency the Governor General in Council:—

This Petition of the Great American and European Short Line Railway Company,—**HUMBLY SHOWETH:—**

1st. That your Petitioner is a company duly incorporated and organized under an Act of the Dominion Parliament, passed 17th May, 1882.

2nd. That it is also incorporated by an Act of the Parliament of the Colony of Newfoundland.

3rd. That the object of the said Acts is the construction and formation of a National Trunk Air Line, under one management, from the termini of the Canadian systems at Montreal, through the Province of Quebec, across the State of Maine, through the Provinces of New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Cape Breton, and the Colony of Newfoundland, to a point on its eastern coast above the ice and fog limits, thereby giving the shortest and safest transit to Europe. Drawing the bonds between the Dominion and Newfoundland closer and closer, and making the Maritime Provinces the great highway between the Eastern and Western Continents.

4th. That your Petitioner has not sufficient data in regard to the Cape North and Newfoundland portions of its line, to undertake their construction at once, but proposes to build in the Island of Cape Breton only, its branch to Sydney or Louisburg, thereby forming a continuous air line from Montreal to Louisburg.

5th. That the total length of this air line is about 764 miles, and that at the present time there are, on different portions of it, but owned and controlled by separate companies, some 308 miles in operation and 109 under construction.

6th. That your Petitioner proposes to acquire these portions either by purchase or otherwise, and consolidate them into its own Company.

7th. That the negotiations for the acquisition of the completed portions are so far advanced that your Petitioner is in a position to begin the immediate construction of the links necessary to connect them.

8th. Your Petitioner would call your special attention to the fact that it is now constructing some ninety miles of its railway in Nova Scotia, under a contract made with your Government on July 28th, 1882.

9th. That, by the completion of its line across Maine, it will connect with lines already in operation and become the Royal Mail route to the Maritime Provinces and Europe.

10th. That the completion of the construction and consolidation of lines on the proposed route, as contemplated by this Company (your Petitioner), is of the greatest national importance, second only to that of the Canadian Pacific, and it will be