

Brunswick frontier, which is to form part of the great line of communication to Canada, on the one hand and to the United States on the other, and that the British Government have agreed either to provide the funds for this purpose, or to guarantee the Provincial Bonds so as to allow of funds being raised at a low rate of interest.

Besides this great Trunk line, I understand that the people of Nova Scotia are desirous to construct two lines of great local importance, viz.: a line from Halifax by Windsor to Digby Gut, and a line from Truro by Pictou to the Eastern counties.

Having constructed many important lines of Railway in England and Wales and engaged in selecting the route of all the most important in this country, and also having at my command all the necessary Plant, appliances, and superintendence, I am ready to contract for the whole or any part of the above, and to commence operations as soon as the Government shall be in a position to conclude the needful contracts, and that I will examine the country, make the necessary surveys and estimates on which to tender; or as it is proposed, as I am informed, that as regards the Trunk lines some experienced practical Engineer shall survey and give estimates; in that case I am ready to undertake the whole or any part at such estimates, leaving 10 per cent in the hands of the Government by way of caution money until the work shall be completed and passed.

With respect to the local lines above mentioned, the funds for which, will not be provided by the British Government, I am ready to contract for them on fair and liberal terms; and, confining myself for the present to the section from Halifax to Windsor by way of a commencement, I am willing to undertake it upon the estimate of some eminent practical Engineer and to take two-thirds of the amount in Bonds or Debentures of the Province at the legal rate of interest in the Colony.

The foregoing may suffice to give you an idea of the terms and conditions upon which I am willing to become a contractor in Nova Scotia, and so soon as further progress shall be made with respect to the preliminary arrangements, I will be prepared to enter into all details that may be necessary or desired.

I am, &c.

(Signed)

GEORGE HENNET.

The Hon. JOSEPH HOWE.

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