

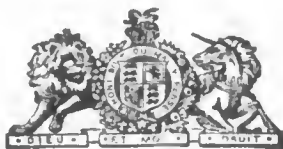
# NAKUSP AND SLOCAN PAPERS.

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# ROYAL COMMISSION

Shewing the Exhaustive Scope of the Enquiry.



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VICTORIA, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and of the Colonies and Dependencies thereof, Queen, Defender of the Faith, &c., &c., &c.

To the Honourable SIR MATTHEW BAILLIE BEGIE, Knight, Chief Justice of British Columbia, and the Honourable GEORGE WHELOCK BURBIDGE, Judge of the Exchequer Court of Canada, Greeting :

It having been resolved amongst the proceedings of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia at its last Session :

"That whereas, acting under the advice of the Executive Council, His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor has been pleased to give a Provincial guarantee of interest upon the bonds of the Nakusp and Slocan Railway Company, to the extent of 4 per cent. per annum on \$25,000 per mile for twenty-five years, and by the like advice, has in the agreement for the

guarantee of interest, reserved the right to substitute bonds guaranteeing principal at the rate of \$17,500 per mile, together with interest at a rate per annum sufficient to enable the Company to realize par, but in no case to exceed 4 per cent. per annum.

"And whereas, by Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, with the advice aforesaid, a Bill has been introduced for the purpose of guaranteeing principal and interest in manner mentioned in the said agreement :

"And whereas, it has been stated by the Honourable the Member for Nanaimo District, in his place in the House of Assembly, that it appeared that the Honourable the Leader of the Government had been working for the Company and not for the Province, and it has also been insinuated in the said House of Assembly by other Honourable Members, although not directly charged, that the Members of the Executive Council were actuated by corrupt motives in advising His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor in relation to the matters aforesaid ;

"Therefore, be it Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying him to appoint a Royal Commission to enquire whether the Honourable the Premier, in advising the said guarantee, worked for the Company and not for the Province, and whether corrupt motives of any kind existed with or influenced His Honour's Ministers in the advice tendered by them to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor