

"That the preliminary construction work already commenced in this Pass, and the method in which grading has been done, lead very strongly to the conclusion that through certain portions of it the construction of more than one line of railway is impracticable ;

"That nowhere on this continent can an instance be found of any railway company controlling more than one pass through the Rocky Mountains, and the Canadian Pacific Railway Company already controls the only other avenue through them lying within 350 miles of the International boundary, and if this railway is constructed in the near future by a private corporation, even should such corporation not be the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, there is grave reason to fear that that company will control the railway ;

"That, in view of the almost fabulous resources of the Kootenay districts, we feel it would be unwise from a national standpoint, for the Government to part with the control of the only natural channel of transportation to these regions by vesting it in any private corporation, or to suffer anything to be done that may prevent the possibility of future railway competition ;

"Therefore, be it resolved, that in the opinion of this Board it would be for the best interests, not only of the Territories and British Columbia, but the Dominion at large, that the projected railway through the Crow's Nest Pass should be constructed and operated by the Government of Canada, or in the alternative, if the former course should be deemed impracticable or impolitic, and the construction of the railway be left to a private company, that the right to have running powers over that portion of the railway through or at either outlet of the Crow's Nest Pass shall be preserved for any railway or railways, hereafter desiring it, to be exercised upon such terms as the Railway Committee of the Privy Council may deem proper."

As the Board had already taken action, the Lethbridge Board was informed of the fact.