

St. Raymond and Lake St. John, as authorized by the Acts 46 Vic., chap. 25 and 45 Vic., chap. 14.

The Minister represents that the Company have submitted plans and profiles of their road for approval by the Governor in Council as to which the Inspecting Engineer has reported under date the 5th inst., to the effect that while at certain points indicated the curvature is less than the minimum radius allowed by the specification, and should be brought into conformity therewith, the line for the first ten miles north of St. Raymond is in conformity with the conditions of the specification, both as to gradients and curvature. The Chief Engineer has accordingly advised that the plan and profile of the located line for this distance, Section No. 1, be approved.

The Minister recommends that approval be given to the said plan and profile, as submitted by the Company on the 22nd ult., in respect of the first ten miles section.

The Committee submit the same for Your Excellency's approval accordingly.

JOHN J. MCGEE, *C.P.C.*

Memorandum.

OTTAWA, 12th November, 1883.

The undersigned has the honor to represent that by an agreement made with the Quebec and Lake St. John Railway Company, under date the 4th of September last, previously sanctioned by an Order in Council of the 18th of August, provision has been made for the payment of a subsidy of \$3,200 a mile, towards the construction of their line between St. Raymond and Lake St. John, authorized by the Acts 46. Vic., chap. 25, and 45 Vic., chap. 14.

That under a clause of the said agreement, payment is to be made by instalments, on the completion of each section of not less than ten miles of railway, proportionate to the value of the portion completed in comparison with the value of the whole work undertaken, and established by the report of the Minister of Railways and Canals.

That upon application from the Company an inspection has been made of the first ten miles of the said subsidized line by the proper officer of this Department, when report dated the 8th ult. shows the work to have been satisfactorily executed and to be fully up to the standard required by the agreement between the Company and the Government.

That the Inspecting Engineer was not at that date in possession of the information necessary to estimate the proportionate value of this section; the Company, however, have now, under date the 5th inst., furnished such information, and on the 10th inst., the Engineer has reported that the data supplied as to the quantities on this section and as to those on the whole line between St. Raymond and Lake St. John are sufficient to justify him in considering the work on the first ten-miles section to be a fair average of the whole work undertaken, and the Chief Engineer thereupon has advised payment of the subsidy of \$3,200 a mile on this section.

The undersigned accordingly recommends that authority be given for payment of the subsidy of \$3,200 a mile for this distance of ten miles, or a total of \$32,000.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. POPE, *Acting Minister Railways and Canals.*

CERTIFIED COPY of a Report of a Committee of the Honorable the Privy Council, approved by His Excellency the Governor General in Council, on the 15th November, 1883.

On a Memorandum dated 12th November, 1883, from the Acting Minister of Railways and Canals, submitting that by an agreement made with the Quebec and Lake St. John Railway Company, under date 4th of September last, previously sanctioned by an Order in Council of the 18th August, provision has been made for the payment of a subsidy of \$3,200 a mile towards the construction of their line between St. Raymond and Lake St. John, authorized by the Acts 46 Vic., chap. 25, and 45 Vic., chap. 14, and that under a clause of the said agreement, payment is to be made by instalments, on the completion of each section of not less than ten miles of railway,