

*Enclosures.*

Application for aid, 27th February, 1883.

Petition of R. R. Call, President of the Company, supported by the signatures of members of the Senate and House of Commons.

Report of Chief Engineer.

Letter from Hon. P. Mitchell suggesting that aid might be given to a less distance than asked for.

Report to Council, 15th May, 1883.

No. 30,760.

OTTAWA, 27th February, 1883.

SIR,—I beg to make application to the Government through your Department, for aid towards the construction of a Railway along the Miramichi Valley from its connection with the Intercolonial Railway at the crossing of the Miramichi River to the Valley of the Nashwaak, and thence down that valley to the capital of New Brunswick, Fredericton.

The Legislature of the Province of New Brunswick have made provision in aid of this work of \$3,200 per mile in the expectation that other aid would be obtained.

I am encouraged, in making this application, from the fact that your Government at the last sitting of Parliament submitted a measure for giving aid to several railway proposals situated very much in the same position as that of the Miramichi Valley Line, I refer to the aid given to the line running from Oxford in Cumberland County, N.S., to the Town of Pictou, N.S., also to the Lake St. John Railway, also to the road from Gravenhurst to Callander, to connect the St. John Valley Road with the Intercolonial at or near Rivière du Loup.

The Government and Parliament have shown their high appreciation of the importance of giving connection to the important sections of the different Provinces of Nova Scotia, Quebec, Ontario, and to a small extent of the Province of New Brunswick, and I have great hopes that your Government will see the importance of placing in the Estimates a sum of at least \$4,000 per mile to aid the construction of the Road through the Miramichi Valley. The distance would be one hundred miles. It would connect the capital of the Province with the Government Railways at the Miramichi River. It would run through the two largest counties of New Brunswick, York and Northumberland having a population of 55,000 people, and would be the means of adding largely to the traffic of the Government Railway.

Under the circumstances, I respectfully ask that your Government make provision in aid of the sum already granted by the Local Legislature of New Brunswick to enable the said Railway to be built.

I have the honor to be, Sir, your obedient servant,

P. MITCHELL.

Sir CHARLES TUPPER, Minister Railways and Canals.

OTTAWA, 21st March, 1883.

*To the Honorable the Privy Council of Canada :*

The Petition of R. R. Call, Esq., President of the Miramichi Valley Railroad,—  
RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH :

That there is an important valuable section of country extending from the Port of Miramichi to Fredericton, the capital of New Brunswick, which has hitherto had no railroad facilities;

That the Local Legislature of New Brunswick granted a charter to your petitioner and his associates, for the construction of a Railway connection the above points, and granted a subsidy in aid thereof of \$3,000 per mile;

That the said Company have had the said line surveyed, and plans and estimates prepared, with a view to the construction thereof;