

AN INTERCOLONIAL RAILWAY (NORTH AMERICA).

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MEMORANDUM agreed at the Conference of the Delegates of *Nova Scotia* and *New Brunswick* and the Government of *Canada*.

I. If it should be concluded that the work shall be constructed and managed by a joint commission of the three Provinces, it shall be constituted in the proportion of two appointed by the Government of *Canada* and one each by the Governments of *Nova Scotia* and *New Brunswick*—the four to select a fifth before entering upon the discharge of their duties.

II. That a joint delegation proceed with as little loss of time as possible to *England*, to arrange with the Imperial Government the terms of the loans, the nature of the securities required, the amounts to be paid for the transport of troops and mails, and, if possible, to obtain a modification of the terms proposed, to the extent of the interest accruing during the construction of the work.

III. That no surveys be authorised until the laws contemplated shall have been passed, and the joint commissioners appointed.

IV. That any profit or loss, after paying working expenses, shall be divided in proportion to the contributions of the several Provinces.

V. That such portions of the railways now owned by the Governments of *Nova Scotia* and *New Brunswick*, which may be required to form part of the Intercolonial Road, shall be worked under such joint authority as may be appointed by the three Provinces. That the rates collected shall be uniform over each respective portion of the road. That all net gain or loss resulting from the working and keeping in repair of any portion of the road constructed by *Nova Scotia* or *New Brunswick*, and to be used as a part of the Intercolonial Railway, shall be received and borne by the said Provinces respectively; and the surplus (if any), after the payment of interest, shall go in abatement of interest on the whole line between *Halifax* and *Rivière du Loup*.

VI. That Crown-lands required for the line or for stations shall be provided by each Province.

(signed) *Thomas D'Arcy Mc Gee* (for *Canada*).
Joseph Howe,
S. L. Tilley.

MEMORANDUM.

THE Delegates from *Nova Scotia* and *New Brunswick* and the Government of *Canada*, having under consideration the Report of the Honourable the Finance Minister of *Canada*, of the 8th September instant, on the subject of intercolonial reciprocity, agree—

I. That the free interchange of goods, the growth, produce, and manufacture of the Provinces, and uniformity of tariff, are considered to be an indispensable consequence of the construction of the Intercolonial Railway.

II. But that in consequence of the recent diminution of the revenues of the respective Provinces, arising out of the war in the neighbouring Republic, and the increased liabilities incurred by the additional obligations necessary to the construction of the proposed road, the Delegates from *New Brunswick* and *Nova Scotia* regret that they are not at this moment in a position to adopt measures to carry this important principle into practical effect.

(signed) *J. S. Macdonald* (for *Canada*).
Joseph Howe.
S. L. Tilley.

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COPY of a DESPATCH from His Grace the Duke of *Newcastle*, K.G., to the Officer Administering the Government of *Nova Scotia*.

Sir,

Downing-street, 3 November 1862.

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Despatch,* No. 92, of the 16th October, forwarding memoranda agreed to by the Delegates of *Canada*, *Nova Scotia*, and *New Brunswick*, at the late Conference held at *Quebec* on the subject of the Intercolonial Railway.

I have, &c.
(signed) *Newcastle*.

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Duke of *Newcastle*,
K.G., to the Governor
of *Nova Scotia*.
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