

I have the honor to request that you will place this matter before the Dominion Government at your earliest convenience, with a view to having the necessary authority granted and arrangements made.

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

CHAS. E. POOLEY, *Secretary pro tem.*

Esquimault and Nanaimo Railway Company.

Hon. the Minister Railways and Canals, &c., &c., &c.

OTTAWA, 21st January, 1885.

SIR,—I have the honor, by direction, to transfer to your Department, as concerned in the matter, two communications, dated the 29th ultimo and 8th instant respectively, received from the Hon. J. Trutch, agent for Canada in British Columbia, covering copies of letters addressed to him by the Hon. Wm. Smithe, Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, in which it is asked that Crown grants or patents may be issued in favor of pre-emption of certain lands within the railway belt on Vancouver Island specially described.

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

A. P. BRADLEY, *Secretary.*

A. M. BURGESS, Deputy Minister of Interior.

VICTORIA, B.C., 8th January, 1885.

SIR,—With reference to my letter of the 27th November last, transmitting, for your consideration, a copy of a letter to me from the Hon. Mr. Smithe, Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, requesting that the Dominion Government will issue Crown grants or patents in favor of pre-emptors of certain lands situated within the railway belt on Vancouver Island, and which are specially described in that letter, I have the honor to enclose herewith a copy of a letter received by me to-day from Mr. Smithe, and of the schedule therewith enclosed, of further pre-empted lands within the railway belt on Vancouver Island, for which he requests that patents may be issued by the Dominion Government.

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

JOSEPH W. TRUTCH.

Hon. the Minister of Railways and Canals, Ottawa, Can.

Schedule within referred to.

John McDonald, Cedar District:—

East part of Section 5, Range 4..... 60 acres

West half of Section 4, Range 5..... 50 do

West half of Section 5, Range 5..... 50 do

160 acres

George Bartlett, Cowichan District:—

South part of Section 5, Range 3..... 60 acres

The whole of Section 4, Range 3..... 100 do

160 acres

John James Jonckan, Alberni District:—

Section 9..... 160 acres

LANDS AND WORKS DEPARTMENT, VICTORIA, B.C., 7th January, 1885.

SIR,—I have the honor to request that the Dominion Government will issue and forward to me, for transmission, Crown grants or patents in favor of those pre-emptors