

“It was moved by Mr. John Crawford, seconded by Mr. William Cassils, and resolved, that  
“The Directors of the Montreal Telegraph Company have arrived at the conclusion after due consideration, that the duty of enforcing contracts with Railway Companies alleged to have been violated appertains to the Great North Western Telegraph Company, and not to the Montreal Telegraph Company.

“It was also resolved that the Secretary intimate to the Great North Western Telegraph Company, that it is empowered to use the name of the Montreal Telegraph Company in any action at law which it—The Great North Western Telegraph Company—may consider necessary to enter into for the purpose of establishing its rights against the Canadian Pacific Railway for trespass or any other violation of the Agreement of the 17th August, 1881, with the express stipulation, however, that any action instituted in this connection, be at the risk, peril and expense of the Great North Western Telegraph Company.”

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The Great North Western Telegraph Company served on the 24th December, a notarial protest on this Company, embodying the statements contained in the resolution passed at a meeting of its Directors on the 29th of September last. Besides these statements, the protest contains the following paragraph specially referring to the Quarterly Payment due on the 1st instant :—

“And I further notified the said Montreal Telegraph Company that the payment of forty-one thousand two hundred and fifty dollars which under the said agreement becomes due on the first of January next will be paid under protest and under the reserve by the said Great North Western Telegraph Company of its claims for diminution of rent or damages against the said Montreal Telegraph Company for its breach of said Agreement, as hereinbefore set forth.”

Heretofore the quarterly payments have been received on the last day of each quarter, and as on the 31st December last, this practice was departed from in the face of the notarial notification on the 24th to the effect that the payment would be made. telegrams were sent to the General Manager and Treasurer at Toronto but without eliciting a reply up to midnight, although repeated demands were made for one. Early the following morning messages were again despatched to the General Manager, the Treasurer and to the Secretary, and after most persistent calls for an answer the following was received from the General Manager about mid-day :—

“Letter not mailed ; sorry can say nothing more than this at present.”

Other despatches have been forwarded but so far no satisfactory explanation of this breach of contract has been received by the Board. Further action is deferred until the election of the new Board of Directors.

The Annual Statements, the report of Mr. Cassils on the condition of the Company's property and the Auditor's report are on the table.

The whole respectfully submitted.

ANDREW ALLAN,  
*President.*

Montreal, 10th January, 1887.