

RUSSELL HOUSE,
Ottawa, July 26, 1871.

THE HON. H. LANGEVIN,
Minister of Public Works, &c., &c.

SIR,—

I regret exceedingly that it has become necessary for me to return to Ottawa to urge the claims of the Windsor and Annapolis Railway Company upon the Government.

The capitalists interested in the Railway, among whom I may mention (here follow the names of several London capitalists) have, however, well considered the matter, and have determined that they cannot offer to continue to work the line under the present unsatisfactory arrangements with the Government, and they have empowered me to communicate that decision to the Government, and to make any arrangements that may be necessary in the matter.

In the few days since my arrival in Halifax I have occupied myself in preparing a memorial to His Excellency the Governor-General in Council, setting forth the grounds upon which the claims are based; but hearing that you are likely to be absent from Ottawa for some time, and that a Cabinet Council would meet to-day, I deemed it better to come on here with a rough print of the memorial in its incomplete and unfinished state, and of which I now beg to enclose you a copy.

I trust you will, under the circumstances, excuse my laying before you so rough a draft, from it I have no doubt you will be able to glean the main points of the case, and as the subject is a very pressing and very serious one both to my friends and to the Provinces of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, I venture to ask that it may be brought before the Council to-day, and that I may have their decision upon it. I need hardly say that I should be glad to have the honor of an interview with the Council, to enable me to offer any explanations which they or you may require.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Signed)

J. A. MANN,
Commissioner and Attorney
Of the Windsor and Annapolis Ry. Co., Limited.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS,
Ottawa, August 1st, 1871.

SIR,—

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 26th July, ult., and memorial on behalf of the Windsor and Annapolis Railway Company, praying for state relief in either one of the several ways therein specified.

With respect to the first of these modes, viz.: to put in force certain powers of purchase conferred upon the Government by clauses 7, 8, and 10 of the

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