

On the 26th March the following letter was received by the Chairman of the Joint Committee, viz :

OFFICE OF THE OTTAWA C. P. R. R. Co'y,

New Edinburgh, March 26th, 1868.

To H. J. FRIEL, Esqr., Mayor of Ottawa, and  
Chairman of the Joint Committee on  
Street Railway.

Sir,

The Committee of the Board of Directors of the Ottawa City P. R. R. Co'y., to whom the question of conference with the Joint Committee of the Corporation and certain citizens has been referred, have had under their consideration the Memorandum submitted by the Joint Committee yesterday, and before bringing the same under the notice of the Directors, beg leave respectfully to solicit some explanations with regard to the 1st Proposition—In the event of the Company consenting—1st. How is it proposed to compensate them for any loss sustained on material already provided for the double track?—and 2nd. If upon trial it be found that a single track cannot be made self-sustaining (that is, cannot earn enough to cover the daily working expenses,) would the objection to a double track still be persisted in?—and if so, is it proposed then to compensate the Street Railway Company?

With regard to the 2nd proposition:—Is it proposed to acquire the right to stop the traffic on the Street Railway entirely for any length of time, and how long? or would the Company be allowed to shift their Tracks so as to keep their cars running?

With regard to the 3rd proposition,—as this involves an indefinite suspension of the Street Railway undertaking,—1st. Is it proposed to compensate the Company for interest on outlay already incurred pending the delay? and for any loss which may arise from decay or depreciation of Timber? In case a new or wider bridge is not provided before the expiration of the Company's Charter, will the Corporation support a further extension of time?

Please have the goodness to submit these queries to the Joint Committee, and when their answer is received the Directors will be able to reply fully to all the propositions submitted them on behalf of your Committee.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obdt. servt.,

(Signed) ROBERT SURTEES,

Secy. O. C. P. R. R. Co.

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CITY HALL, March 30, 1868.

To the President and Directors of the Street Railway  
Company.

Gentlemen,

In reply to your communication of the 26th instant, the Joint Committee of Corporation and Citizens have to say, that they are not instructed to consider any question of compensation for any alleged probable loss in the