

to be forwarded to them, when Doctor Taché, Deputy Minister of Agriculture, urgently requested to be allowed the use of these tracings, and those on hand of Counties in the Province of Ontario for the use of the Census Commissioners.

Your Clerk being about to leave for Halifax with the Draftsman, Mr. Taché also asked and obtained from him, during his absence, the use of the Railway Committee Room, and the large maps for the draftsmen employed in the preliminary work of the census.

The Clerk and Draftsman proceeded to Halifax, and worked laboriously for two months, taking tracings of the County Maps in the Crown Lands' Department there, but were unable during the time to complete more than ten counties, viz., Inverness, Victoria, Richmond, Cape Breton, Halifax, Guysborough, Hants, Annapolis, Digby, and Yarmouth, leaving eight counties, of which tracings have yet to be made. Since returning to Ottawa, the Draftsman has been employed in reducing to the uniform scale some of these tracings, and lettering the coast line of Halifax, and through the course of the summer he hopes all the tracings will be ready for transfer.

It may be well to mention to your Committee that the Minister of Agriculture availed himself of the visit of your Clerk to Halifax to obtain tracings for the use of the Census Commissioners, sending with him for that purpose additional draftsmen, whose expenses were defrayed by the Department.

Your Clerk feels confident that an examination of the work done during the past year will prove satisfactory to the Committee, and he would, therefore, respectfully suggest the appointment of a sub-committee to examine and report on its progress.

Respectfully submitted.

T. PATRICK,
Clerk of Committee.

Railway Committee Room, House of Commons,
Ottawa, 17th March, 1871.

Estimate of amount required for twelve months, ending 30th June, 1872, for work upon the Railway Maps of the Provinces, under the superintendence of the Railway Committee:—

12 months' pay of Draftsman, at \$3 per diem	\$1,095 00
Desbarats' account for materials furnished for map of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick.....	120 00
Materials required, and contingent expenses during the year, say	35 00
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	\$1,250 00

Report of the Sub-Committee.

To the Chairman of the Railway Committee.

The undersigned, appointed as a Sub-Committee, to consider the question of continuing the preparation of the Maps of the Provinces, undertaken by Mr. Patrick, Clerk of the Committee, having carefully considered the question, beg to submit their Report, as follows:—

That it is inexpedient to discontinue the work on the maps of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, now partially executed, as the labor expended already would be entirely lost;