

at the same time, voted their full quota of the cost to defray the expense of surveying and staking out the line immediately, as far as it is to be made through Canada.

On the return of Mr. Howe from the Colonial meeting at Toronto, the resolutions of the delegates were laid before the Government of Nova Scotia: and the Acts of Parliament for the Railway were afterwards adopted by a large majority of their new House of Assembly, *specially* convened for deciding on the railway business. Canada and Nova Scotia having thus satisfactorily settled their part of the business, the subject was then brought before the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick, in February, 1852; but by that time it had been ascertained that Earl Grey would not consent to extend the Imperial guarantee for a branch from the trunk line to the city of St. John, New Brunswick.

This, for a short time, threw an obstacle in the way which had not been anticipated; but so determined were the three Colonies to have the Railway, that it was, after some negotiations between them, agreed to alter the route of the trunk-line in the direction of the intended branch to the city of St. John, and from thence by the grand falls to Quebec, as the only line from Halifax to Quebec on which they could agree, and for which they did not expect any objection on the part of Her Majesty's Government for the promised guarantee or funds.

As soon as these arrangements had been terminated in the colonies, the Hon. F. Hincks, Inspector-General of Canada, and the Hon. E. B. Chandler, a member of the New Brunswick Senate, were despatched to England by their respective Governments, finally to negotiate for the money with the British Government, in order that the work should be commenced as early this season as possible.

During the residence of these gentlemen in London, your Committee corresponded, and had personal interviews, with them, when they expressed a confident hope that their negotiations would be speedily and satisfactorily brought to a close with Her Majesty's Government; and that, on their return, they would do all in their power to promote the objects of the