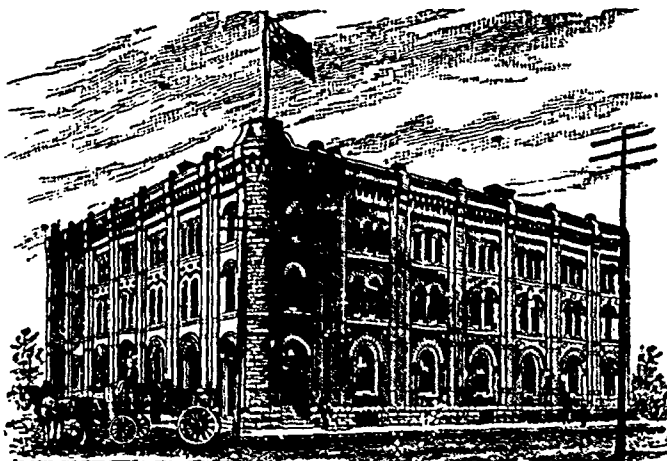


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Hudson Bay Railway.

Following is the letter of Hugh Sutherland, president of the Winnipeg & Hudson Bay Railway company, to Premier Greenway, of Manitoba, regarding aid asked from Manitoba, for the completion of the road:—

WINNIPEG, Man., 3rd April, 1891.

Hon. Thos. Greenway,
Premier of Manitoba,

SIR,—As a final appeal to your Government for such financial aid as it is believed will, with the assistance offered by the Dominion Government, ensure the early completion of the Winnipeg & Hudson Bay Railroad, I am instructed to submit a definite proposal, which, if accepted, will supersede all other offers made to or grants by the Government of Manitoba respecting said railway. The company ask that your Government will be pleased to submit to the legislature for ratification this session, a bill authorizing a grant of \$1,500,000, as a cash subsidy, in aid of the construction of said railway, subject only to the following conditions, viz:—

1. No payment on account of said proposed subsidy shall be required until the company has given to the people of the province a through road to Hudson's Bay within five years from date.

2. The \$250,000 advanced by the province on account of the construction of the first forty

miles, with accrued interest thereon, shall be made a first charge upon, and be deducted from, the proposed subsidy of \$1,500,000.

3. The standard of construction to be the same as that fixed for the construction of the Canadian Pacific railway, and to be adequately equipped and running in accordance with the terms of the Dominion order-in-council relating to the land grant.

4. A written contract under seal between the province and the company, amplifying the above shall be executed and embodied in an Act of the Legislature, in the same manner as similar transactions have been completed between the Dominion Government and the Canadian Pacific Railway company, satisfactory to capitalists. In any arrangement to be made this method is imperative.

If this offer is accepted, the \$75,000 placed in the estimates by the Legislature this session will not be required for completing the forty miles.

I have the honor to be, sir,
Your obedient servant,
HUGH SUTHERLAND,
President.

MR. GREENWAY'S REPLY.

WINNIPEG, 10th April, 1891.

Hugh Sutherland, Esq.,

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your letter of 3rd inst., for the completion of a railway to the Hudson's Bay has been under the consideration of the Government, and it has been agreed to accept the same, provided the land grant for the forty miles is earned, and handed over to us, as security for the debt already made, and other necessary details of the transaction can be arranged.

Please submit as soon as possible a draft of such an agreement as would be satisfactory to your company. This draft will be considered at once and a time for its discussion with your solicitors may then be appointed.

I have the honor to be, sir,

Your obedient servant,

THOS. GREENWAY

Editor's Table.

A rather unique work which reached The Table last week was "Lovell's Historic Report of Census of Montreal," compiled by that veteran Canadian publisher, John Lovell. The work is a most valuable one, commencing with the earliest history of the chief commercial city of the Dominion, to the present day. It is neatly printed and handsomely illustrated.

"Four years ago," writes John Lovell, the great Canadian publisher, "I attempted to bring out a *Gazetteer and History of Canada*. For want of sufficient means I failed, but I trust only for a time. I am now trying to organize a joint stock company, limited, with a capital of \$200,000. Should I succeed, all necessary arrangements will be made to proceed with the great work." Subscriptions for stock and for copies of *Lovell's Gazetteer and History of Canada*, in eleven royal 8vo., volumes, will be thankfully received by John Lovell, publisher, 23 and 25 St. Nicholas street, Montreal.

Potatoes at Chicago.

The Chicago Produce Exchange Reporter, of April 11, says: "The potato market remains very firm; prices advancing and the demand as good as ever. There is some stock coming across the lake from St. Joe and Benton Harbor; also, California supplies us with an occasional car; so Jock Canada. It seems there is very little stock left in Wisconsin, but we understand Minnesota is yet quite well supplied. Seed potatoes are still wanted, and enjoy a very active demand. Prices are as follows in car lots: Rose, choice to fancy white, \$1.18 to \$1.20; common, do., \$1.03 to \$1.10; red rose, \$1.10 to \$1.15; mixed stock, \$1 to \$1.10.