

those for the right of way, have, as attested by the Commissioner, been all admitted by the contractors, so that there can be no objection to their payment and no dispute as to the different amounts—the pretensions of the claimants corresponding exactly to the entries in the books of Messrs. MacFarlane & Son, sub-contractors for the portion of the road situated to the west of the River Cascapedia. According to this list, as established by the Commissioner, the claims for work, workmen's board and materials furnished, including the claims of the sub-contractors, amount to the sum of \$29,000 or thereabouts ;

That on the sections of the said railway for which Messrs. MacFarlane & Son are sub-contractors there remains due by the Government of this Province a balance of subsidy to the extent of \$28,546.

That by a report of Mr. Light, the Government Engineer, dated the 26th September, 1889, it is established that on section H, that is to say, from the 40th to the 50th mile, all the works—unfinished at the date of his previous inspection—have been completed, and that that section is now in perfect order, so that the \$6,500 retained to secure its completion may be paid ;

As for section G, that is to say, from the 50th to the 60th mile, it is established, by the same report of Mr. Light, that the greater part of the works, unfinished at the time of his previous inspection, have been executed, so that the line is in good working order and that a passenger and freight train runs daily between Metapedia station and Irishtown (a distance of 57 miles), and might even go as far as the 60th mile at a satisfactory speed, notwithstanding certain defects in the track which he notes ;

That in the interest of public order and to prevent the fresh troubles which threaten to arise, if the outstanding claims connected with these works are not promptly settled, and whereas the Dominion Government has itself retained about \$31,000 of its subsidy to guarantee the completion of the works remaining to be completed, it is urgent to pay the sum of \$22,046, balance of the subsidy appertaining to this section of the Baie des Chaleurs Railway, and to apply it to the payment of the workmen, furnishers of materials and others, who have contributed to the execution of the works of this railway ;

That the two sums above mentioned, namely \$6,500 and \$22,046 form together one of \$28,546, total balance of the Provincial subsidy coming to the Baie des Chaleurs Railway Company, which should be paid immediately.

That out of this sum of \$28,546, in view of the default of the Baie des Chaleurs Railway Company or of its representatives to meet its obligations towards the workmen, furnishers and others, who have contributed to the execution of the works, it is just—deduction first made of the costs of the said enquiry, of the allowance to the Commissioner, his travelling expenses and all other legitimate expenses connected therewith—that the claims of the labourers, workmen, furnishers of materials, of board, and others privileged, should be paid in full, and then the sub-contractors and other claimants, at so much in the dollar, out of any balance of the said sum that may remain.

Wherefore the Honourable Commissioner, *ad interim*, recommends that the sum of \$28,546 be paid to Mr. J. C. Langelier, Civil Service employé, to be by him applied to the payment, in discharge of the Baie des Chaleurs Railway Company, or of its representatives—deduction first made of the expenses of the said enquiry, the allowance to the Commissioner, his travelling expenses, and all other legitimate expenses connected therewith—of the amount due to the labourers, to the workmen, to those who supplied board to the workmen and labourers, to the furnishers of building material and to other privileged parties, in full, conformably to the list annexed to Mr. Langelier's preliminary report ; and that the balance, which shall remain after settlement of the claims above enumerated, be distributed between the sub-contractors and other unprivileged claimants *pro rata* to their respective claims.

• Certified.

(Signed)

GUSTAVE GRENIER,
Clerk of the Executive Council.