

But if the Timber is intended to be rendered unflammable, the cost will vary from 25s. to 30s. per load, and it may be well to mention, that unseasoned Timber is even more readily and effectually prepared than that which has been cut, the sap in green wood being firmly set by the process.

I am, &c.

(Signed)

C. JACKSON, *Secretary.*

Sir W. Burnett, K. C. H. &c. &c. &c.

APPENDIX No. 17.

(See Page 34.)

No. 346.

(COPY.)

Government House, Halifax, 2nd October, 1845.

MY LORD,—

I have the honour to acquaint your Lordship that in consequence of the scheme for the formation of a Railroad from Halifax to Montreal by a projected Company in London having transpired through the medium of the Colonial Gazette and other public prints, I was requested to communicate to a meeting of some of the principal inhabitants of this city, any information I might have upon the subject. I accordingly sent them the memorial addressed to myself and Council by the promoters and Provisional Board of the above projected Company, whereupon a set of Resolutions was passed, and I was requested by a deputation of the meeting to bring the matter under the favourable consideration of your Lordship.

I have, &c.,

(Signed)

FALKLAND.

LORD STANLEY, &c., &c.,

(COPY.)

No. 353.

Government House, Halifax, 17th November, 1845.

MY LORD,—

I have the honor to acknowledge your Lordship's despatch No. 249, dated 21st September, being in reply to my despatch No. 339, of the 19th August, in which I informed you that I had received a memorial from a body styling themselves the promoters and Provisional Board of the Halifax, Quebec, and Montreal Railway Company, requesting that I would in my capacity of Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia, take steps for their Incorporation, and for securing to them certain facilities and advantages therein detailed.

I deemed the observations contained in your Lordship's communication, to be of so much importance—so well calculated to prevent the evils you deprecate, as likely to result from precipitate action in this matter, and at the same time essentially to promote the ultimate success of the undertaking, should it turn out to be practicable, that I thought it my duty to promulgate them through the medium of the Provincial press.

By the same packet which brought the above, a second letter was addressed to me by Mr. Bridges, who signed himself Secretary to the Provisional Committee of the projected Railway, accompanied by a paper containing an account of certain proceedings which took place at a meeting of the said Committee, and in which I conceive my previous correspondence with that gentleman to be very inaccurately described.

This paper, together with a copy of Mr. Bridges' letter, I herewith send, as well as two other papers transmitted to me by the last mail (the one purporting to be a

prospectus