

1851, the operation of which is made contingent upon the question of affording to the trunk line of railway the pecuniary assistance of this country, should be left to their operation in the usual manner by an Order of the Queen in Council, or whether Her Majesty should abstain from making any Order thereon.

The Committee of Council have delayed advising your Excellency on the subject of these Acts, until the Board of Railway Commissioners should have reported their opinion as to the mode by which the trunk line of railway between Quebec and Hamilton could be constructed most advantageously to the public. The Board of Railway Commissioners having made their report recommending that the said railway should be constructed through the instrumentality of the Companies incorporated by the Acts of the last Session of Parliament, the Committee of Council are now prepared to advise your Excellency to report to Sir John Pakington, according to his request, that the Acts referred to in his Despatch of the 26th May ultimo, should be left to their operation in the usual manner by an Order of the Queen in Council.

Certified,

Wm. H. Lee, Acting Clerk,
Executive Council.

(No. 2.)

EXTRACT from a REPORT of a Committee of the Honourable the Executive Council, approved by his Excellency the Governor General in Council, on the 31st July 1852.

ON the report of the Chairman of the Board of Railway Commissioners, dated 30th July 1852, stating that, under existing circumstances mentioned in said report, they are of opinion that the best mode of constructing the main trunk line of railway from the city of Quebec, or a point opposite thereto, to the city of Hamilton, or to some convenient point on the line of the Great Western Railroad, will be through the instrumentality of the Companies already incorporated for that purpose by the Legislature, and which are entitled to the Provincial guarantee for one-half of the cost under the provisions of the Act 14 & 15 Vict. c. 73, and recommending, therefore, that a Proclamation be issued declaring that the main trunk line of railway may be undertaken by private companies thereunto authorised by the Legislature.

The Committee advise that the recommendation of the Board of Railway Commissioners be acted on, and that a Proclamation issue accordingly.

Certified,

Wm. H. Lee, Acting Clerk,
Executive Council.
