

R E T U R N

To an ADDRESS of the HOUSE OF COMMONS, dated 17th February, 1875 ;
For copy of the Report of L. G. Bell, C.E., on the exploration made
of the route of the Huron and Ottawa Railway from Ottawa City to
Parry Sound, together with all Maps or Papers accompanying the
same.

By Command.

R. W. SCOTT,

Secretary of State

DEPARTMENT OF SECRETARY OF STATE,
OTTAWA, 25th February, 1875.

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SIR,—I am directed to transmit to you the accompanying return, being the report of L. G. Bell, Esq., on the exploration made by him of the route of the Huron and Ottawa Railway, from Ottawa City to Parry Sound, asked for by an Address from the House of Commons, dated the 17th inst.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Your obedient servant,

F. BRAUN,
Secretary.

E. J. Langevin, Esq.,
Under Secretary of State,
Ottawa.

OTTAWA, 23rd November, 1874.

DEAR SIR,—Having received through you, on behalf of the Government of Canada, the authority to make, for the information of the Government, an exploratory survey of a route for the projected Huron and Ottawa Railway, and having received your instructions to do the best I could, and having completed the survey as fully as I believe necessary, I now beg leave to present to you the following report.

According to my understanding of the subject, the railway is designed to be the shortest and most direct connecting link between the great lakes (Huron, Michigan and Superior) on the West, and the railways now existing or in progress, which would connect it with ocean water on the East. Parry Sound, on the Georgian Bay, is settled on as the Western terminus; and Carleton Place, which is now connected by railway with Ottawa, and which will be connected with Montreal by railways now in progress, has been selected as the Eastern terminus. The survey then was begun at Carleton Place and ended on the shore of the Georgian Bay at Parry Sound.

The survey was made almost entirely on foot, as I desired to see throughout, and as nearly as possible, the exact position in which a line could be placed for construc-