

Vessels Employed in the Coasting Trade.

	<i>Steamers.</i>		Coasting License.	
	No.	Under Transire. Tonnage.	No.	Tonnage.
Arrived.....	88	37,104	124	44,217
Departed	73	29,093	132	47,779
Total	161	66,197	256	91,987

	<i>Sailing Vessels.</i>		Coasting License.	
	No.	Under Transire. Tonnage.	No.	Tonnage.
Arrived.....	120	6,487	204	11,359
Departed	119	5,068	196	9,557
Totals	239	11,555	400	20,916

Memorandum.

OTTAWA, 11th May, 1883.

The undersigned has the honor to represent that an application for aid has been received from the Baie des Chaleurs Railway Company, incorporated for the purpose of building a line from some point on the Intercolonial Railway at or near Matapedia to Paspebiac Bay, a distance of 100 miles, with power to extend to Gaspé Basin, eighty miles further.

That the Company represent that their line is now located and that a subsidy of 10,000 acres of land per mile has been granted by the Provincial Government of Quebec, while the free right of way has been granted by the land owners in the several municipalities interested.

That the Company urge the importance on the Dominion of the various forest, farming, mining and fishery interests, the development of which would they hold be consequent upon the opening up of the vast district of Gaspé by means of their line, the produce being conveyed over the South-Western Railway, to which the proposed line would be a feeder. They direct attention to the fact that the present means of regular communication between the Intercolonial Railway at Campbellton and Gaspé, consists of a steamer plying, during the summer months, between those points, towards the maintenance of which the Government grants a subsidy of \$12,000 a year. They urge that capitalized at four per cent, this is equal to the sum of \$300,000, and they express themselves as confident that with a subsidy from the Dominion Government to this amount they can construct and operate their line.

That under date the 7th instant, the Chief Engineer of Government Railways has made a report embodying information as to the road proposed, and its prospects of traffic which goes to show that specially in the fish trade, business may be reputed to be developed to a considerable extent, the fish which now finds its way to foreign markets being taken to Western Canada and the North-West.

The undersigned recommends that Parliament be asked to approve of the grant of a subsidy of \$3,200 a mile for 100 miles, or \$320,000 in aid of the construction of this Railway.

Respectfully submitted,
CHARLES TUPPER, *Minister Railways and Canals.*

MIRAMICHI VALLEY RAILWAY COMPANY.

PROPOSED SUBSIDY.—\$3,200 per mile for 33 miles from the Intercolonial Railway to McLaggan's Mills, in all not exceeding \$102,400.