

The undersigned upon such report recommends that authority be given for the payment to the company of their subsidy for the 29 miles in question, at the rate of \$3,200 a mile, or a total of \$92,800.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. POPE, *Acting Min. Rys. and Canals.*

CERTIFIED COPY of a Report of a Committee of the Honorable the Privy Council, approved by His Excellency the Governor General in Council, on the 4th August, 1883.

On a Memorandum dated 2nd August, 1883, from the Acting Minister of Railways and Canals, representing that by an Order in Council, dated 31st July, 1883, approval has been given to the conditions of an agreement between the Government and the International Railway Company, under which the subsidy of \$3,200 per mile, authorized by Parliament last Session to be granted in aid of the construction of a portion of their line, 49 miles in length, between Sherbrooke and the boundary, is payable upon the completion of this line by certain dates and in accordance with requirements specified in the said agreement.

The Minister represents that under date the 1st August inst., the Inspecting Engineer of his Department reports that he has examined the portion of the line for a distance of 29 miles east of the Village of Lennoxville, the completion of which by the 1st inst, is one of the provisions of the contract with the Government, and that he finds the track to have been relaid with steel rails of 56 lbs. per yard throughout. That the road bed structures and permanent way on the said section of 29 miles are in good and safe condition, and that they are in conformity with the requirements of the agreement.

The Minister, upon such report, recommends that authority be given for the payment to the Company of their subsidy for the 29 miles in question, at the rate of \$3,200 a mile or a total of ninety-two thousand eight hundred dollars (\$92,800.)

The Committee advise that authority be granted as recommended.

JOHN J. MCGEE.

Hon. Minister Railways and Canals.

OTTAWA, 16th Aug., 1883.

SIR,—I transmit herewith copy of an Order in Council, dated the 4th inst., authorizing the payment to the International Railway Company, under the provisions of the Act 46 Vic., cap. 25, of a subsidy of \$3,200 per mile, for a distance of 29 miles east of the Village of Lennoxville. I also forward copy of the agreement mentioned in said Order in Council, and Mr. Thomas Ridout's report, dated the 1st inst., on his examination of the line.

I am to request that you will be good enough to inform the Minister if there is any reason why the subsidy in question should not be paid.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

A. P. BRADLEY, *Secretary.*

G. W. BURBIDGE, Deputy Minister Justice.

I have examined the papers sent herewith, and see no reason why the subsidy in question should not be paid.

GEO. W. BURBIDGE.

INTERNATIONAL RAILWAY COMPANY, SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
SHERBROOKE, 31st Oct., 1883.

DEAR SIR,—I beg to inform you that the portion of the line of the International Railway, between Lake Megantic and the boundary line, is completed, and shall be glad if you will kindly send on an engineer to inspect the same at as early a date as possible.

I remain, your obedient servant,

J. DAVIDSON, *Secretary-Treasurer.*

Hon. J. H. POPE, Acting Minister Railways, Ottawa.