

Copy of a Report of a Committee of the Honorable the Privy Council, approved by His Excellency the Governor General, on the 13th July, 1878.

On a memorandum dated 11th July, 1878, from the Honorable the Minister of Public Works, reporting that on the 1st June, 1877, an Order in Council was passed in accordance with the provisions of the Canadian Pacific Railway Act of 1874, defining the route of the railway between Fort William on the Kaministiquia River, and Jasper House and Tête Jaune Cache.

That the same Order in Council also defined the route from the last named point to the Pacific Ocean, in the event of the Bute Inlet or Dean Inlet routes being ultimately adopted; these being the routes through British Columbia, one of which at that time it seemed probable would be adopted.

That later information has shown that it would be in the public interest that the route of the railway from the neighbourhood of the Tête Jaune Cache should be towards Burrard Inlet.

The Minister therefore recommends that the route of the railway shall be defined generally as passing from the neighborhood of the Tête Jaune Cache, by the Albreda River to the North Thompson River, and descending the valley of the said North Thompson River, towards Kamloops Lake to the Fraser Valley at Lytton, and thence descending the valley of the Fraser by Yale and New Westminster to Port Moody, or such other point on or near Burrard Inlet as may be found most convenient for the purpose of harbor accommodation.

The Committee submit the above recommendations for your Excellency's approval.

(Certified.)

(Signed) W. A. HIMSWORTH,
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May, 1878.

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DEPARTMENT PUBLIC WORKS,
OTTAWA, August 21st, 1878.

SIR,—I have the honor to enclose copy of a letter of the 1st ultimo, from Mr. G. M. Sproat, Indian Reserve Commissioner, British Columbia, on the subject of a reservation made by the Provincial Government of certain lands immediately above and below Yale, on the Fraser River, which reservation Mr. Sproat supposes was made at the request of the Dominion Government, for some purpose connected with the deposit of steel rails in the neighborhood of Yale.

Mr. Sproat being anxious to know whether he may proceed with the allotment of Indian Reserves at Yale, without any reference to the above supposed railway reservation, I beg that you will advise me whether the lands referred to are to be permanently reserved for railway purposes; and, if not, whether there is any objection to the same, or any part thereof, being included in the Indian Reserves to be laid off at that place.

"I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Signed) L. VANKOUGHNET,
Deputy Superintendent-General Indian Affairs.

F. BRAUN, Esq.,
Secretary of Public Works Dept.,
Ottawa.