

*Trutch*, until the sanction of Parliament shall have been obtained to the payment of the subsidy and to the other stipulations on the part of the Dominion herein contained requiring its sanction, and until the Act passed by the Legislature of the Province of *British Columbia*, in the year 1883, entitled "An Act relating to the Island Railway, the Graving Dock and Railway Lands of the Province," shall have been amended by the Legislature of the said Province in accordance with a Draft Bill now prepared and which has been identified by Sir *Alexander Campbell* and the Honorable Mr. *Smithe* and signed by them and deposited in the hands of the said *Joseph William Trutch* in the presence of

(Signed),

H. G. HOPKIRK.

BILL.

An Act relating to the Island Railway, the Graving Dock, and Railway Lands of the Province.

Whereas, negotiations between the Governments of *Canada* and *British Columbia* have been recently pending, relative to delays in the commencement and construction of the *Canadian Pacific Railway*, and relative to the Island Railway, the Graving Dock, and the Railway Lands of the Province:

And whereas, for the purpose of settling all existing disputes and difficulties between the two Governments, it hath been agreed as follows:—

(a) The Legislature of *British Columbia* shall be invited to amend the Act No. 11, of 1880, intituled "An Act to authorize the grant of certain public lands on the Mainland of *British Columbia* to the Government of the Dominion of *Canada* for *Canadian Pacific Railway* purposes," so that the same extent of land on each side of the line of railway through *British Columbia*, wherever finally settled, shall be granted to the Dominion Government in lieu of the lands conveyed by that Act.

(b) The Government of *British Columbia* shall obtain the authority of the Legislature to grant to the Government of *Canada* a portion of the lands set forth and described in the Act No 15, of 1882, intituled "An Act to incorporate the *Vancouver Land and Railway Company*," namely, that portion of the said lands therein described, commencing at the southern boundary thereof and extending to a line running east and west, half-way between *Comox* and *Seymour Narrows*; and also a further portion of the lands conveyed by the said Act to the northward of and contiguous to that portion of the said lands last hereinbefore specified, equal in extent to the lands within the limits thereof, which may have been alienated from the Crown by Crown grants, pre-emption or otherwise.

(c) The Government of *British Columbia* shall obtain the authority of the Legislature to convey to the Government of *Canada* three and one half millions of acres of land in the Peace River District of *British Columbia*, in one rectangular block, east of the Rocky Mountains and adjoining the *North-West Territory of Canada*.

(d) The Government of *British Columbia* shall procure the incorporation, by Act of their Legislature, of certain persons, to be designated by the Government of *Canada* for the construction of the Railway from *Esquimalt* to *Nanaimo*.

(e) The Government of *Canada* shall, upon the adoption by the Legislature of *British Columbia* of the terms of this agreement, seek the sanction of the Parliament to enable them to contribute to the construction of a Railway from *Esquimalt* to *Nanaimo* the sum of \$750,000, and they agree to hand over to the contractors who may build such railway the lands which are or may be placed in their hands for that purpose by *British Columbia*; and they agree to take security to the satisfaction of the Government of that Province, for the construction and completion of such railway on or before the 10th day of June, 1887; such construction to commence forthwith.

(f) The lands on *Vancouver Island* to be so conveyed shall, except as to coal and other minerals, and also except as to timber lands as hereinafter mentioned, be open for four years from the passing of this Act to actual settlers, for agricultural