

Correspondence respecting the Canadian Pacific Railway Act so  
far as regards British Columbia

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No. 1.

*The Earl of Dufferin to the Earl of Kimberley.—(Received January 8, 1874.)*

My Lord, *Government House, Ottawa, December 26, 1873.*  
I HAVE the honour to inclose, for your information, a copy of a despatch from the Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia to the Secretary of State of Canada, forwarding a copy of a Minute of his Executive Council, referring to the non-fulfilment on the part of the Government of the Dominion of the XIth Article of the Terms of the Union with that Province in respect to the construction of the Canadian Pacific Railway.

I also beg to transmit a copy of a Report of a Committee of the Privy Council of the Dominion on the above-mentioned despatch, stating that my Government is giving its most earnest consideration to the project for the construction of a railway to the Pacific.

I have, &c.  
(Signed) DUFFERIN.

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Inclosure 1 in No. 1.

Sir, *Government House, November 24, 1873.*  
I HAVE the honour to inclose herewith a further Minute of my Executive Council referring to the non-fulfilment by the Dominion Government of the XIth Article of the Terms of the Union of this Province with Canada.

In accordance with the advice of my Ministers, expressed in this Minute, I beg you to be pleased to lay this despatch and its inclosure before his Excellency the Governor-General, and to be good enough to bring to his Excellency's attention the previous Minutes of my Executive Council on the same subject, which were forwarded for his consideration in my despatches of the 26th July last, the latter of which, conveying a protest from this Government on the failure of the Dominion Government to secure the commencement, within two years from the date of Union, of the construction of a railroad from the Pacific towards the Rocky Mountains, as provided in the XIth Article of the Terms of Union, as yet unanswered; and to move his Excellency to communicate to this Government, in whatever manner he may deem advisable, in time to meet the requirement of the desire indicated by my Ministers, the course intended to be taken by the Dominion Government in fulfilment of the XIth Article of the Terms of Union of this Province with Canada.

I have, &c.  
(Signed) JOSEPH W. TRUTCH.

The Hon. the Secretary of State for Canada.

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Sub-Inclosure in Inclosure 1.

*Report of a Committee of the Honourable the Privy Council, approved by his Excellency the Governor-General on the 22nd of December, 1873.*

THE Committee have had under consideration the despatch dated 24th November, 1873, from the Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia, inclosing a further Minute of his Executive Council referring to the non-fulfilment by the Dominion Government of the XIth Article of the Terms of Union of this Province