

consideration, it appears to him that the terms proposed for the several loans of 3,000,000 £. and 1,000,000 £., to be raised under the provisions of the before-mentioned Act, are unobjectionable; and he, therefore, recommends to the Board that their guarantee should be given for the payment of interest, at the rate of 4 per cent. on the sum of 3,000,000 £., in accordance with the form of bond or debenture, annexed to Mr. Rose's communication.

My Lords have before them the Act 30 Vict. c. 16. My Lords have also before them the following letters from the Colonial Office, viz. :—

5th February 1868, enclosing an Act of the Canadian Legislature (31 Vict. c. 13) respecting the construction of "The Intercolonial Railway," by which provision is made for carrying out the provisions contained in the 2nd and 3rd sections of the before-mentioned Act, 30 Vict. c. 16.

16th May 1868, stating that the Secretary of State is of opinion that in case the line of railway by the Bay of Chaleur is adopted, Her Majesty's Government should accept the provision made by the Canadian Act, 31 Vict. c. 13, of the sum of 1,000,000 £., in addition to the sum of 3,000,000 £., as sufficient for the purpose; and of 14th instant, conveying the approval of the Secretary of State of the selection, as the line in which the railway is to be constructed, of the line passing by the Bay of Chaleur, recommended by Major Robinson, R.E., in his Report of 31st August 1848.

My Lords have also before them the letter from the Colonial Office, of 1st instant, enclosing copy of a Despatch from the Governor General, reporting the appointment by the Canadian Government of Messrs. Baring and Glyn as trustees for the sinking fund of the loan of 3,000,000 £., under the provisions of the Act, 30 Vict. c. 16.

My Lords concur in the recommendation of the Chancellor of the Exchequer, and desire that a letter be addressed to the Honourable John Rose, stating that they have no objection to offer to the terms (as per enclosed statement No. 1) on which it is proposed by the Governor of Canada to raise the sum of 3,000,000 £., under the provisions of the Act 30 Vict. c. 16, and that they are prepared to guarantee the payment of interest at the rate of 4 per cent. on the said sum of 3,000,000 £., in accordance with the terms of the enclosed bond or debenture.

State that my Lords have appointed the Permanent Secretary to the Board, Mr. G. A. Hamilton, to carry into effect the guarantee on behalf of the Board, and that each bond or debenture should be submitted to this Department in order that his signature may be attached thereto.

Prepare warrant accordingly, appointing Mr. Hamilton.

Acquaint Colonial Office, and state that my Lords propose to appoint Sir F. Rogers, the Permanent Secretary to the Colonial Office, and Mr. William Law the Auditor of the Civil List in this office, as trustees to the Sinking Fund on behalf of Her Majesty's Government.

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— No. 10. —

COPY of Treasury Warrant, dated 20th July 1868, authorising Mr. *Hamilton* to sign Canada Intercolonial Railway Loan Bonds; and appointing Sir *F. Rogers* and Mr. *Law* Trustees of Sinking Fund.

After our hearty commendations :

WHEREAS, by an Act passed in the 30th year of Her Majesty's reign, entitled "The Canada Railway Loan Act, 1867," it was enacted, That the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury may guarantee, in such manner and form as they think fit, payment of interest at the rate not exceeding 4 per cent. per annum, on any principal money not exceeding the sum of 3,000,000 £., to be raised by way of loan by the Government of Canada, for the purpose of the construction of a railway connecting Quebec and Halifax; and the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury may from time to time cause to be issued out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom, or the growing produce thereof, any money required for giving effect to such guarantee.

And whereas an Act of the Parliament of Canada has been passed providing for the construction of the said railway, for the raising, appropriation, and expenditure of the said loan of 3,000,000 £., for charging the Consolidated Revenue Fund