

your Government is only called upon to supply this class of stock according to the mileage of railways operated. This is strictly in accordance with all railway usage and practice the world over.

I remain, your obedient servant,

C. A. SCOTT, *General Manager, Nova Scotia Railway.*

Hon. W. T. PIPES, Premier, Hon. W. S. FIELDING, Halifax.

By telegraph from Ottawa to Hon. W. T. Pipes and W. S. Fielding, Halifax, N.S.

OTTAWA, 22nd November, 1883.

Your lengthy communication of 19th inst, received to-day.

J. H. POPE.

6th December, 1883.

SIR,—I am instructed to transmit for your perusal a communication dated the 19th November, received from the Hon. Messrs. Pipes and Fielding, of the Nova Scotia Government, conveying the views of that Government on the subject of the Pictou Branch Railway, and soliciting a reconsideration of this matter by the Dominion Government.

The Acting Minister requests that you will be pleased to advise him as to the right of the Nova Scotia Government to claim the Pictou Branch road under the arrangement as set forth in Order in Council of the 20th October, 1883 (copy herewith), after duly considering the points raised in the accompanying statements.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

A. P. BRADLEY, *Secretary.*

G. W. BURBIDGE, Deputy Minister of Justice.

SUPPLEMENTARY RETURN.

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TO an ADDRESS of the HOUSE OF COMMONS, dated 28th January, 1884;—
For copies of all correspondence between the Local Government of Nova Scotia and the Department of Railways and Canals, respecting Railway matters in the Province of Nova Scotia, of a date since the 6th March, 1883.

By command,

J. A. CHAPLEAU,

Secretary of State.

Department of the Secretary of State,
12th February, 1884.

MEMORANDUM giving the chief points of a conversation had on the 11th October, 1883, between the Hon. Mr. Pope and the Hon. Mr. Pipes, Premier of Nova Scotia, the Hon. Mr. Fielding, member of that Government, and Mr. Scott, General Manager of the Provincial Railways, in relation to the transfer of the Pictou Branch.

Mr. Pope.—

Q.—In what capacity are you acting, when you ask that the Pictou Branch be handed over to you?