

ment of Ontario, or other assistance that may be given to us, to build another branch railroad from the Nipissing terminus of the Pacific Railway to such a point in the Province of Ontario as will connect the Pacific Railroad with the Railway system leading to Toronto and other parts of Ontario.

I have, &c.,

HUGH ALLAN,
President, Canada Pacific Railroad.

Honble. J. C. ATKINS,
Secretary of State, Ottawa.

DEPARTMENT OF SECRETARY OF STATE,
OTTAWA, 17th July, 1872.

SIR,—I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 9th instant, referring to the communication of the Secretary of the Canada Pacific Railway Company of the 3rd same month, advising that the Company was then prepared to accept the contract for building the Pacific Railway, and entering into further details on the terms and conditions on which the Company was ready to take the contract for the construction of the said railway.

I have, etc.,

E. PARENT, U. S. S.

SIR HUGH ALLAN,
President, Canada Pacific Railway,
Montreal.

OTTAWA, 2nd October, 1872.

SIR,—I have the honor to state, in answer to your letter, suggesting that the Canada Pacific Railway Company and the Interoceanic Railway Company should amalgamate, that the former Company is willing to make such an amalgamation; and that I communicate such willingness to the Interoceanic Railway Company through its Provisional President, the Hon. Mr. McPherson, shortly after receiving your last letter. I have further to state, that I have not been informed of any action by the Interoceanic Company on the subject, having only received an acknowledgment of the reception of my letter.

I have, &c.,

(Signed,)

HUGH ALLAN, President,
Provisional, Board Canada Pacific R. R.

The Hon. the Secretary of State, &c., &c., &c.
Ottawa.

DEPARTMENT OF SECRETARY OF STATE,
OTTAWA, 3rd October, 1872.

SIR,—I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 2nd inst., in answer to mine of the 4th July last, suggesting that the Canada Pacific Railway Company and the Interoceanic Railway Company should amalgamate.

I have, &c.,

E. PARENT, U. S. S.

SIR HUGH ALLAN,
Montreal.