

and from Canada, which would, of course, be saved by the construction of the Inter-Colonial Railway, while the time occupied in their transmission would be considerably diminished. A further saving might also be made in the subsidy paid to the Cunard line of steamers, and troops and warlike stores could at all times be forwarded over the line without incurring the risk and expense of the voyage up the St. Lawrence, which can only be undertaken in the summer season.

9. These three items alone would, I believe, even in a pecuniary point of view, entitle the proposed arrangement to favorable consideration, while, at the same time, it would confer a boon on these Colonies which I believe would tend more than anything else to develop their resources.

10. I have commissioned the Hon. Mr. Howe to proceed to England, to co-operate with the gentlemen who have been selected by the Governor-General of Canada, and the Governor of New Brunswick, and I can only trust that the shape which this question has now assumed may be such as will induce Her Majesty's Government to adopt the proposal.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

MULGRAVE.

His Grace

THE DUKE OF NEWCASTLE, &c. &c. &c.

#### COPY OF ENCLOSURE IN No. 73 DESPATCH.

##### *Resolution:*

At a meeting held in the Executive Council Chamber at Quebec, on the 30th September, 1861, there were present:

Hon. Joseph Howe,	}	From Nova Scotia.
" Mr. Archibald,		
" Mr. McCully,		

Hon. Mr. Tilley,	}	From New Brunswick.
" Mr. Smith,		
" Mr. Mitchell,		
" Mr. Waters,		

Hon. Mr. Cartier,	}	From Canada.
" Mr. McDonald,		
" Mr. Ross,		
" Mr. Vankoughnet,		
" Mr. Alceyn,		
" Sir N. Belleau,		
" Mr. Galt,		
" Mr. Cauchon,		

And it was unanimously *resolved*,

That the three Governments of Canada, New Brunswick and, Nova Scotia, do renew the offers made to the Imperial Government, on the 26th day of October, 1858, to aid in the construction of an Inter-Colonial Railway, to connect Halifax with Quebec; and that a delegation from each Province shall immediately proceed to England, with the object of pressing the project upon the attention of the Home Government, giving the assurance that the Governments of the respective Provinces will endeavor to procure the necessary Legislation at the next ensuing sessions of their respective Parliaments.

And it was further *resolved*, That the route to be adopted be decided by the Imperial Government.

(Certified.)

W. H. LEE,  
C. E. C.