

(3) That on the 28th January, 1880, the Directors unanimously adopted a resolution reiterating their acceptance of and acquiescence in the order of the Privy Council, and stating that, so far as this Company is concerned, the Credit Valley Company might, in July last, and at any time since, have proceeded with the construction of the said independent line from Parkdale to the Bay, upon the sole condition of paying (by consent or arbitration) the value of any works acquired, and for which this Company had paid.

(4). That a copy of the said resolution was delivered to the President of the Credit Valley Railway Company on the 31st January, 1880, and has by him been acknowledged.

14. The operation of the North Simcoe Branch under lease has been satisfactory, and a heavy and remunerative lumber traffic has been assured. The development of the Line would, however, be greatly promoted by its acquisition by this Company, under the option, and favourable terms, still open. The Directors accordingly recommend the adoption of resolutions with that object.

15. In closing this Report, the Directors take leave to say that they have entered upon the operations of the year 1880 with every confidence in the future of the undertaking. The Joint Executive Committee is working in harmony,—with equitable regard to all the interests confided to it—with increased strength to develop the traffic, and to economize the operations of both Railways,—and with the confident expectation that an efficient and liberal administration of the properties will command the approval of the communities they serve.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) FRANK SMITH,
President.

FRED. CUMBERLAND,
General Manager.

WALTER TOWNSEND,
Secretary.

NORTHERN RAILWAY, TORONTO,

Wednesday, 18th February, 1880.

3. Moved by the President, seconded by the Warden of Simcoe, "That the report be adopted, and, together with the Departmental statements and statistical returns, as received from the Joint Executive Committee, be printed for distribution amongst the proprietors."—Carried.