

It would, however, be inadvisable to push on the work of construction more rapidly than expenditure could be advantageously made.

It is considered that the most advantageous expenditure at present would be in carrying out the following services and works, all of which would form important portions of the main scheme or be auxiliary thereto.

Commencing at the Pacific Coast, the surveys to be continued vigorously in order to gain more detailed information respecting the routes through the Cascade Mountains and the approaches thereto, across the central plateau of British Columbia; the object being to enable the Government to select the route which may be found in every respect most eligible, and begin works of construction at the Coast at as early a day as possible.

From some convenient point on the Waggon Road, a Territorial Road and Telegraph to be established *via* the North Thompson River and Yellow Head Pass across the Rocky Mountains, through the whole of the wooded country to a point on the River Saskatchewan.

From the point last referred to on the Saskatchewan, a Telegraph to be built across the Prairies on or near the probable line of Railway, as far as the Southerly end of Lake Manitoba. Such portions of this distance as may require it, to be rendered available for the passage of carts or carriages by bridging the smaller streams, and establishing ferries on the large rivers. In addition to this line of communication across the Prairies, the River Saskatchewan and the Lakes Winnipegosis and Manitoba, to be utilized for the purpose of intercourse and traffic by means of small Steamers, tugs, and barges, on such scale of navigation as these waters will admit of, and to