
CORRESPONDENCE

Respecting the conveyance of land in connection with the construction of the proposed Railway from Esquimalt to Nanaimo.

By Command.

GEO. A. WALKEM,
Attorney-General.

Attorney-General's Office,
19th April, 1875.

The Under Secretary of State to the Lieutenant-Governor.

OTTAWA, 25th March, 1875.

SIR,—I am directed to transmit to you herewith, for the information of your Government, a copy of an Order of His Excellency the Governor-General in Council respecting the conveyance by the Government of British Columbia to the Government of the Dominion of certain land in connection with the construction of the proposed Railway from Esquimalt to Nanaimo in that Province.

I have &c.,
(Signed) E. J. LANGEVIN,
Under-Secretary of State.

Copy of a Report of a Committee of the Honorable the Privy Council, approved by His Excellency the Governor-General on the 25th March, 1875.

On a memorandum, dated 25th March, 1875, from the Honorable the Minister of Public Works, reporting for the consideration of Council, that prior to the commencement of any works of construction on the proposed Railway from Esquimalt to Nanaimo, which the Dominion Government have agreed to build under the arrangement made through Lord Carnarvon, at the instance of British Columbia, it is essential that the Province of British Columbia should convey by legislation to the Dominion Government in trust, to be appropriated in such manner as the Dominion Government may deem advisable, a similar extent of public lands along the line of Railway before mentioned, (not to exceed twenty miles on each side of the said line) as may be appropriated for the same purpose by the Dominion from the public lands of the North-west Territories and the Province of Manitoba, as provided in the Order in Council, Section 11, admitting the Province of British Columbia into Confederation; and that it is desirable that the British Columbia Government should be at once notified that it will be necessary during the present Session of the Legislature of that Province to pass an Act so to appropriate and set apart lands to this extent and for this purpose, the grant to be subject otherwise to all the conditions contained in the said 11th Section of the Terms of Union.

The Committee concur in the above Report of the Minister of Public Works, and recommend that the British Columbia Government be notified accordingly.

Certified.
(Signed) W. A. HIMSWORTH,
Clerk, Privy Council.