FURTHER RETURN

To an Address of the Legislative Assembly for copies of all Minutes of Council and all Correspondence relating to the Mission of the Hon. A. DeCosmos to London and Ottawa.

JOHN ROBSON,
Provincial Secretary.

Provincial Secretary's Office,
29th March, 1883.

Telegram from Mr. DeCosmos to Hon. R. Beaven.

OTTAWA, March 18, 1882.

HON. R. BEAVEN, Victoria, B.C.

Send me $1000 to meet expenses as Special Agent here. Answer.

(Signed) A. DECOSMOS.

Telegram from Mr. DeCosmos to Hon. R. Beaven.

OTTAWA, March 27, 1882.

HON. R. BEAVEN, Victoria, B.C.

Confidential. No use passing Clements & Co.'s Bill as they will not be accepted here. Dunsmuir & Diggle, and their associates, Crocker, Stanford, and Huntingdon, Central Pacific Railway, were promised to-day, by Minister of Railways, Island Railway franchise. They meet Ministers to-morrow to arrange details. Railway to be started at Victoria, and completed to Nanaimo in two years. Dunsmuir's Bill in preparation here to be submitted to your House.

(Signed) A. DECOSMOS.

Telegram from Mr. DeCosmos to Hon. R. Beaven.

OTTAWA, March 31st, 1882.

HON. R. BEAVEN, Victoria, B.C.

Dunsmuir left for England via Montreal and New York, without concluding a bargain with Canadian Government for construction of Island Railway. He received a reply to his proposal that in no way committed the Government; yet the verbal assurances given him by Tupper, Langevin, and Sir John Macdonald impressed him with the belief that an arrangement for the construction of Island Railway would be made with him after the general election next summer. He telegraphed copy of a bill for the incorporation of a Company by Provincial Legislature to construct and operate a railway from Indian Reserve, Victoria, via Esquimalt to Nanaimo, with power of extension to Comox, Seymour Narrows, and Alberni, and accept cash and land subsidies from Provincial and Dominion Governments, or either. I sincerely recommend the passing of the Bill. The associates of Dunsmuir & Diggle, Crocker, Stanford, and Huntingdon, are a guarantee that the Island Railway will be built, if the Dominion Government agree to the subsidies that they ask. The Central and Southern Pacific Railways can provide a market for coal that will annually increase, and at the same time not diminish the

supply for the Canadian Pacific by Railway Ferry to Burrard Inlet. I know no combination that can do so much for the development of Island interests and industries as the one proposed, nor do so much for the general interests of the Province. It is matter of regret to me that no bargain was concluded with them. The perfidy of the Canadian Government in not concluding an arrangement with this Company postpones for an indefinite period the construction of the Island Railway. In an interview with Sir John Macdonald yesterday, he denied that there was any obligation to construct it as part of the Canadian Pacific; but intimated that after prorogation the railway question would be taken up with a view to its final settlement. He repudiated Lord Kimberley's basis of settlement, and intimated that whatever sum of money might be paid towards construction of Island Railway should be a final settlement of all claims for compensation for delays and breaches of agreement of all kinds in connection with Canadian Pacific Railway. He would neither (name) a sum of money or any sum. This calls for firm and patriotic action on the part of the Provincial Government and Legislature. The rights of the Province should be maintained at all hazards, and the Imperial Government should be asked to promptly settle and conclude the Island Railway question with compensation for delays in construction of Pacific Railway. The generosity of the Provincial Government in proposing to agree to a grant of land north of Nanaimo seems to produce no effect on Sir John Macdonald and his Government. The fact of the Order in Council making Esquimalt the ocean terminus was repudiated by Sir John Macdonald yesterday, although the Order in Council of 1879, reviving the Order in Council of 1873, is unrepealed. I propose to write two letters to Sir John Macdonald to-morrow; one on our right to the Island Railway as part of the Canadian Pacific, and the other showing the grounds for compensation. I cannot conclude without saying that the non-compliance with my request for funds to meet legitimate expenses has materially affected result of negotiations here.

(Signed) A. DeCosmos.

Statement of the cost of Telegrams to and from Hon. Amor DeCosmos, whilst acting as Special Agent of the Province of British Columbia, from 2nd July, 1880, to 18th May, 1882.

Date of Telegrams.	To DeCosmos.	From DeCosmos.	Total.
1880—July 2	.....	$4 25	
,, 8	$1 75	.....	
,, 8	2 25	.....	
September 14	2 70	2 70	
October 1	1 60	.....	
,, 3	.....	2 20	
,, 7	.....	3 35	
,, 11	.....	3 35	
,, 14	2 80	.....	
,, 18	.....	2 50	
,, 21	6 00	5 15	
,, 23	.....	2 20	
,, 27	13 70	.....	
,, 30	.....	2 20	
November 2	2 25	.....	
,, 5	.....	5 50	
December 1	3 50	.....	
,, 6	2 95	.....	
,, 22	5 55	4 02	
,, 24	.....	7 60	
,, 14	1 15	.....	
,, 20	15 50	.....	
,, 23	5 75	.....	
1881—January 6	.....	2 65	
,, 20	.....	34 70	
January 27	.....	17 05	
Carried forward	$67 45	$99 42	

Statement of cost of Telegrams.—*Continued.*

Date of Telegram.	To DeCosmos.	From DeCosmos.	Total.
Brought forward	$67 45	$99 42	
1881—February 9	4 75		
,, 12	3 50		
,, 16		8 40	
,, 2	1 15		
,, 12		2 20	
,, 13		1 40	
,, 16		5 15	
,, 19		4 15	
,, 24		4 30	
,, 24		4 45	
,, 28		4 45	
March 3	1 30		
,, 4		5 45	
,, 4		3 05	
,, 9		4 60	
,, 9		1 30	
,, 23	2 15		
,, 24		9 71	
,, 24		9 20	
,, 29	1 30		
April 1		2 25	
,, 6		15 64	
,, 11	2 75		
,, 18		3 50	
,, 18		4 00	
,, 18		4 90	
,, 19	3 75		
,, 20	4 50		
,, 21		4 50	
,, 23		3 50	
May 13	2 25	2 54	
August 5	5 50		
,, 19	8 00		
,, 26	49 00		
September 8	17 50		
,, 14	18 50		
October 20	4 00		
,, 23	10 50		
December 2	2 75		
,, 6		2 50	
,, 8		2 75	
,, 16	4 25		
,, 7	6 00		
,, 15		8 00	
,, 17		2 00	
,, 20	1 25		
,, 22		6 50	
,, 30	5 00		
,, 31		12 00	
1882—January 1	2 50		
,, 7		3 50	
,, 7		6 00	
,, 14		9 00	
,, 18		11 50	
,, 20	5 25		
,, 28		8 50	
February 2	2 00		
,, 9		50 24	
,, 14	30 00		
,, 23		8 00	
March 13	7 00	20 50	
March 13		2 50	
Carried forward	$273 85	$361 55	

Statement of cost of Telegrams.—*Concluded.*

Date of Telegram.	To DeCosmos.	From DeCosmos.	Total.
Brought forward	$273 85	$361 55	
1882—March 22		2 25	
,, 25		4 25	
,, 27		5 50	
,, 27	15 50		
,, 28	4 00		
,, 28		6 50	
,, 21		7 25	
,, 31		75 00	
April 21	2 00		
May 3		2 75	
,, 6	3 70		
,, 18		3 50	
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Paid in London by Mr. DeCosmos.		£ s. d.	
1881—August 6		3 0 5	
,, 22		33 2 6	
,, 26		69 13 9	
September 7		11 19 7	
,, 9		8 10 10	
October 5		3 2 6	
,, 31		1 13 4	
,, 23		1 17 6	
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			$1,412 74

J. McB. Smith,
Auditor.

Auditor's Office,
10th April, 1883.