RETURN

To an Order of the House for a copy of all correspondence respecting the North Arm Road.

F. G. VERNON,

Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works.

Lands and Works Department,
3rd April, 1889.

The Surveyor-General to Mr. Sprott.

VICTORIA, B. C., September 11th, 1888.

SIR,—I am directed to instruct you to employ Mr. George Turner to locate a line for a traffic road to connect the site of the proposed bridge over the North Arm of the Fraser with the traffic road now being constructed by the Canadian Pacific Railway Company through their land grant. Then prepare a specification and invite tenders for the work, so that in the event of reasonable bids being received the road may be placed under contract without delay.

I have, &c.,
(Signed) W. S. GORE,
Surveyor-General.

Mr. Sprott to the Surveyor-General.

NEW WESTMINSTER, October 10th, 1888.

SIR,—I have the honour to inform you that, accompanied by Mr. Geo. Turner, I passed over the line of proposed road from the C. P. R Co.'s land to the Fraser River. They are clearing out the road allowance sixty feet wide, and grading the road twenty feet wide clear of ditches.

Shall I prepare a specification for a similar road in all respects?

By instructing me as soon as possible you will greatly oblige.

I have, &c.,
(Signed) JOHN SPROTT.

The Surveyor-General to Mr. Sprott.

VICTORIA, B. C., October 11th, 1888.

SIR,—In answer to your letter of the 10th inst. respecting the proposed road from the C. P. R. Co.'s land to the Fraser River, will you be good enough to prepare a specification for a road similar to that being built for the C. P. R.?

I have, &c.,
(Signed) W. S. GORE,
Surveyor-General.

Mr. Sprott to the Surveyor-General.

NEW WESTMINSTER, October 13th, 1888.

SIR,—I have the honour to inform you that I have prepared specifications, and will call for tenders for the construction of sixty-eight chains of road from the southern boundary of the C. P. R. Co.'s land, which is the terminal point of the road now under construction by them. The portion to be constructed by the Government will intersect with the present waggon road from Messrs. Moles, McGee and McCleary's, and which takes a sharp bend to the river, and terminates at the Methodist Church, and about forty feet east of the stake set for the bridge from the Mainland to Sea Island. There will still be about six chains of a new road to be built from the bend of the present road to connect in a direct line with the bridge, but Mr. Turner and myself think it would not be advisable to construct it until the bridge is under way, as it is not known what the exact elevation of them may be, and the probabilities are that they may make some change in the site, consequently a change would require to be made in this piece of road, and under the present arrangements when the new road is constructed the public will have a direct road from Vancouver to the bank of the river. The old road is in very good condition, but it is rather crooked and narrow, but could be widened out at a moderate outlay at the same time the six chains is constructed.

By consulting the accompanying sketch you will be enabled to understand more correctly the position of the roads. Hoping our suggestions may meet your approval.

I have, &c.,
(Signed) JOHN SPROTT.

The Surveyor-General to Mr. Sprott.

VICTORIA, B. C., October 16th, 1888.

SIR,—I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 13th inst., reporting that you have prepared a specification and will call for tenders for the construction of a road from the southern boundary of the Canadian Pacific Railway lands, in continuation of the road now being made by the Company.

Your suggestions on the matter are approved.

I have, &c.,
(Signed) W. S. GORE,
Surveyor-General.

Mr. C. Warwick to the Surveyor-General.

NEW WESTMINSTER, October 25th, 1888.

SIR,—Herewith I have the honour to enclose copy of specifications for road on the North Arm, together with tenders received for same, as follows:—

1. R. S. Graham, Vancouver; $23.90 per chain. Bondsmen, J. Kirkland and J. Z. Hall.
2. C. C. Weldon, Vancouver; $3,264. Bondsmen, Jas. J. Mulhall and A. Godfrey & Co.
3. Jas. Hartney, Vancouver; $1,695. Bondsmen, Hayes & McIntosh and B. Wrede.
4. Boyd & Clendining, Vancouver; $1,880. Bondsmen, Thomas Dunn and W. Martin.
5. George Oliver, New Westminster; $2,000. Bondsmen, Wm. Wise and John Ellis.

I am, &c.,
(Signed) C. WARWICK,
Government Agent.

The Surveyor-General to Mr. C. Warwick.

VICTORIA, B. C., 30th October, 1888.

SIR,—The tender of Mr. R. S. Graham, of Vancouver, to construct the North Arm Road for $23.90 per chain, which is $1,625 for the sixty-eight chains required, has been accepted, and you are authorized to enter into a contract with him for that purpose.

I am, &c,
(Signed) W. S. GORE,
Surveyor-General.

Mr. Sprott to the Surveyor-General.

NEW WESTMINSTER, January 7th, 1889

SIR,—I have the honour to inform you that the pickets on the line of that portion of the North Arm Road now under construction by S. Graham are not correct. In several places they are from two to three feet, and in one place seven feet, out of line. The contractor is ready to commence ditching and grading, but I find there will be several short crooks in the road unless the brush and logs are removed further back.

The contractor does not think he is bound to rectify the mistake made by the C. P. R. surveyor, unless he is paid for the extra labour, as he says he has gone strictly by the picketed line. When Mr. Turner went over it previous to my preparing specifications he did not deem it necessary to make another instrumental survey, but merely obtained the distances, as he took it for granted that having already been surveyed and staked it would be correct.

Will you kindly advise me in the matter as to whether I must insist upon the contractor making the alterations. It certainly will not be a very expensive job. I think $15 or $20 would cover the whole work.

I have, &c.,
(Signed) JOHN SPROTT.

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