RETURN

To an Address to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying him to cause to be laid before this House a Return showing the quantity of land granted or applied for by the Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway Company, under the provisions of the Island Railway Act (47 Vic., chap. 14), in lieu of land alienated in the Island Railway Belt. Such Return to show in detail:—

(*a.*) The several districts, settlements, reserves, towns and townsites situate in the belt; what lands are claimed, or alleged by the Company for the purposes of their application, to have been alienated by Crown grant:

(*b.*) What by pre-emption:

(*c.*) What by agreement for sale:

(*d.*) What by lease:

(*e.*) What as highways or road allowances:

(*f.*) What in any other way alienated.

GEO. B. MARTIN,
Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works.

Lands and Works Department,
9th May, 1898.

The quantity of land applied for by the Dominion Government, in pursuance of the provisions of the "Settlement Bill," 47 Vic., ch. 14, is 86,346.30 acres. The Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway Company applied for the same area.

The applications were refused on the ground that the Dominion Government was not entitled to select lands in the manner they proposed.

The detail submitted by the Company making up the quantity of land is as follows:—

VICTORIA, B. C., 23rd February, 1893.

SIR,—Enclosed please find list of lands alienated by the Provincial Government within the limits of the E. & N. Railway Company's grant, the total area of which amounts to 86,346.30 acres.

I have, &c.,
(Signed) T. S. GORE,
Land Commissioner, E. & N. Ry.

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Victoria.

Land in Railway Belt alienated by Provincial Government.

District.	Acres.
Shawnigan	2,795.70
Cowichan	2,932.00
Quamichan	3,128.80
Comiaken	3,330.55
Somenos	4,374.30
Chemainus	3,054.00
Oyster	372.00
Cedar	3,350.50
Cranberry	4,484.20
Douglas	2,800.00
Nanaimo	7,235.92
Mountain	6,546.20
Wellington	2,652.50
Nanoose	1,464.00
Cameron	160.00
Newcastle	325.00
Nelson	3,186.00
Comox	6,900.63
Renfrew	400.00
Alberni	2,492.00
Baynes Sound Lease (Nelson)	3,936.00
Sutton's Timber Land	7,035.00
Indian Reserves	13,391.00
Total	86,346.30

T. S. GORE,
Land Commissioner, E. & N. Ry. Co.

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