RETURN

To an Order of the House for copies of all correspondence between W. H. Ladner M.P. P., James Orr, M. P. P., and W. Norman Bole, M. P. P., and the Honourable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, respecting the roads between New Westminster City and Port Moody, and New Westminster City and Vancouver.

By Command.

JNO. ROBSON,

Provincial Secretary.

Provincial Secretary's Office,
21st February, 1887.

Messrs. Ladner, Orr and Bole to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works.

NEW WESTMINSTER, 12th July, 1886.

SIR,—We beg to call your attention to the present state of the mail road between New Westminster and Port Moody, as it is in its present condition dangerous for traffic. As the trains from and to the East arrive at and depart from Port Moody, it is absolutely necessary this road should be at once placed in a thorough state of repair. We, therefore, request you to give such instructions as will carry out the above object.

We have, &c.,

(Signed) WM. H. LADNER,
" JAMES ORR,
" W. NORMAN BOLE.

The Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works to Messrs. Ladner, Orr, and Bole.

VICTORIA, B.C., July 14th, 1886.

GENTLEMEN,—I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 12th instant, calling my attention to the present condition of the road between New Westminster and Port Moody, and requesting that the same may at once be placed in a thorough state of repair.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) WM. SMITHE,
Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works.

Mr. Orr to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works.

NEW WESTMINSTER, July 19th, 1886.

SIR,—Your acknowledgment of the receipt of a joint application of Messrs. Ladner, Bole, and myself, dated 12th inst., requesting that the road between New Westminster and Port Moody be placed in a thorough state of repairs, has been received. I beg to call your attention to the fact that your letter of the 14th inst. contains no answer to our letter above referred to. I have, therefore, to request that you will inform me at once whether the necessary repairs will be made, as the road in question is every day becoming more dangerous for travel.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) JAMES ORR, M. P. P.,
New Westminster District.

The Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works to Mr. Orr.

VICTORIA, B.C., July 29th, 1886.

SIR,—I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 19th instant, relative to the condition of the road between New Westminster and Port Moody, and asking to be informed if it is the intention of the Government to have the necessary repairs made at once.

In reply, I beg to state that Mr. Sprott has been instructed to examine the road in question, and to have the necessary repairs thereto carried out within certain limits.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) WM SMITHE,

Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works.

Mr. Bole to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works.

NEW WESTMINSTER, B.C., 12th October, 1886.

SIR,—I beg to call your attention to the very disgraceful state of the road between the town of Port Moody and the Railway Station. The road is full of large ruts and holes and unfit for travel, and foot-passengers are obliged, owing to the want of a foot-walk, to wade through the mud. As the traffic between New Westminster and Port Moody is very considerable, I think I am justified in calling your attention to the matter, and hope it will be set right without delay.

I regret the repairs to the Port Moody Road are of an unsatisfactory and temporary nature, as already pointed out by me to you, and the most important improvement of all, namely, the change of grade, has been entirely neglected, so that, as soon as the winter rains commence, the road will become as bad as ever.

The widening of the bridge at the old Government House, Sapperton, appears to have escaped your attention, and this is an imperative work which, if neglected, may very possibly result in the loss of human life, as the bridge, in its present state, is highly dangerous. The adjacent sidewalk should also be moved back, as it at present occupies very nearly the centre of the road, and between it and the fence there is quite a space, much lower than the sidewalk itself. Trusting these matters will receive your early attention.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) W. NORMAN BOLE.

The Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works to Mr. Bole.

VICTORIA, B.C., 4th Nov., 1886.

SIR,—Your letter of the 12th ultimo was duly received, but I delayed answering it until I could do so in the light of a report from one of my own officers.

The inspector has reported to me fully upon the condition of the roads referred to in your letter, and such action will be taken as may be advisable at this season of the year.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) WM. SMITHE,

Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works.