
RETURN

Of copies of all correspondence as to the Proclamation bringing into force Part I. of the "Canadian Western and Northern Extension and Aid Act, 1892," including copies of the securities given to the Government, as required by section 4 of the said Act.

THEODORE DAVIE,
Attorney-General.

Attorney-General's Office,
11th April, 1893.

VICTORIA, B. C., May 18th, 1892.

Honourable John Robson,
Victoria.

DEAR SIR,—Referring to my conversation with you in reference to the time to be allowed the Canada Western Central Railway parties to complete the deposit as security for the surveys during this and next year, I am requested by telegraph to ask the Government to fix a final date up to which the said Canada Western Central Railway Co. are to be allowed to complete the arrangement referred to.

In asking this, I may be allowed to say that, owing to the serious changes which were made by the House before finally passing the Extension Bills, it was necessary to place the whole matter before our friends in the East before they would act in the matter.

This has now been done, and they are considering the question as quickly as circumstances will permit, but, as already explained to you in my previous letter, the magnitude of the negotiations requires some time, and I hope the Government will treat myself and friends fairly in the matter.

I remain, &c.,
(Signed) R. P. RITHET.

PROVINCIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
VICTORIA, 19th May, 1892.

R. P. Rithet, Esq.,
Victoria.

SIR,—Your letter of the 18th instant was duly received and considered by the Executive yesterday, and I am to notify you that the Government will give you until noon on Tuesday, the 31st instant, to put up the necessary security for making the proposed surveys for the Canada Western Railway.

I am aware that the time is short, which is to some extent owing to a letter received from Mr. Northey on behalf of the Northern Company, stating that he is prepared to put up the necessary security, and urging that it will be absolutely necessary to have the parties in the field at an early date, in order to accomplish the object in view.

As already stated to you verbally, it is the desire of the Government to give your company the first chance, but it is felt that in doing this every precaution must be taken to avoid falling between two stools, in a matter of such profound importance to the Province.

I am, &c.,
(Signed) JNO. ROBSON,
Provincial Secretary.

VICTORIA, B. C., May 31st, 1892.

*Hon. the Attorney-General,
City.*

RE CANADIAN WESTERN CENTRAL RAILWAY.

SIR,—We have the honour to inform you that Colonel Kane has arrived in this city with an agreement signed by certain persons in the City of San Francisco, relating to the surveys as stated in the Act of last session.

Unfortunately, some of the conditions of the bond are so framed that Mr. Rithet cannot assent to them in their present shape. We are assured by Mr. Quinn, the representative of these signers, that the difficulty has arisen through a misconception of the status of affairs.

Mr. Quinn leaves for San Francisco to-day to endeavour to reconcile these differences, and we are informed by him that there is a reasonable prospect of concluding the negotiations on a satisfactory basis. If, therefore, we are granted an extension of time till the 11th of June, we trust that everything will be settled to the satisfaction of the Government.

We have, &c.,

(Signed) BODWELL & IRVING,
Solicitors for R. P. Rithet.

VICTORIA, B. C., 11th June, 1892.

*The Hon. C. E. Pooley, Q. C.,
Victoria, B. C.*

SIR,—In accordance with the request of the Honourable the Provincial Treasurer, I beg to enclose herewith a copy of the heads of the proposition made by the Canadian Northern yesterday at a conference with the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, the Minister of Finance, and the Attorney-General, at the office of the Attorney-General.

Condition No. 1.—The Canadian Northern to furnish bonds to prosecute exploratory surveys this year, expending in so doing at least ten thousand dollars, to the satisfaction of the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, and depositing result of surveys with him not later than the 31st day of December, 1892.

Condition No. 2.—At the option of the Company to furnish further bonds for the expenditure of twenty-five thousand dollars, to the like satisfaction, in exploratory surveys in 1893, and file not later than the 31st day of December, 1893.

Condition No. 3.—At the option of the company to furnish bonds, not later than the 1st day of March, 1894, in two hundred thousand dollars, for prosecution of location surveys and commencement of actual prosecution of construction, according to Act of Incorporation. Order in Council to be passed that on furnishing securities and compliance with Condition No. 1, the Government will accept securities for the performance of Condition No. 2. That on compliance with Conditions 1, 2 and 3, the Government to agree to land grant according to terms of Canada Western, with addition of twenty-mile sectional grant as per "Canadian Western and Northern Extension Aid Act, 1892."

An early reply will be a great favour.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) L. H. NORTHEY,
For Canadian Northern Ry. Co.

VICTORIA, B. C., 14th June, 1892.

*To the Hon. the Attorney-General,
James Bay, City.*

RE THE CANADIAN WESTERN CENTRAL RAILWAY COMPANY.

SIR,—We have the honour to inform you that we have been making strenuous efforts to complete the security required by the Government in this matter.

Owing to the distance which intervenes between this city and Chicago, where the parties with whom we are dealing reside, and the fact that they are comparatively ignorant of the

condition of affairs here, a large amount of correspondence by letter and telegram has been necessary. Although the Government has been kind enough to grant us several extensions of time in this matter, we have still found it almost inadequate for the purpose. We are able to state, however, that we are informed by telegram that ample security would be deposited to-day in the First National Bank, Chicago. Upon this being done, Mr. Rithet is prepared to at once furnish the security required by the Government. Unfortunately a telegram from Montreal informs us that the wires to Chicago are down, and owing to this cause of delay we are unable to get a final and definite reply to-day. We hope that under the circumstances at least another day's time may be allowed us.

With reference to the overtures which are being made by the Canadian Northern Company, we wish to draw your attention to the fact that the Act expressly requires absolute security from our Company for the *bona fide* expenditure of \$50,000 in surveys during the year. We have considered it necessary that such security as the Government shall require should be effected by a cash deposit, and all our negotiations have been conducted on those lines. This being so, we take the liberty of representing to you that to accept any different conditions for the Canadian Northern Company would be to give them a very decided, and what appears to us to be an extremely unfair, advantage over our Company; and we suggest that unless they are prepared with a cash deposit, conditional upon the expenditure of \$50,000 in *bona fide* surveys during the year, the only course which would be fair and equitable to both parties, and in keeping with the dignity of the Government, is to declare that the matter is still open, and that the company which is the first to make such cash deposit is to receive the charter.

This issue we are prepared to accept, as we confidently hope to be able to put up the cash security, and that before many days.

We also wish to point out that in so large a transaction as this, it is only reasonable to expect that the parties who undertake it have sufficient confidence in the success of the scheme, and in their own ability to handle it, to risk their cash deposit, which will operate both as a security to the Government and as an evidence to their own *bona fides*.

We have, &c.,

(Signed) BODWELL & IRVING,
Solicitors for the Canadian Western Railway Co.

VICTORIA, B. C., June 16th, 1892.

The Hon. the Attorney-General, City.

RE THE CANADIAN WESTERN RAILWAY COMPANY.

SIR,—We have the honour to inform you that we are now prepared to give the Government the bond of R. P. Rithet in the sum of \$25,000, conditioned for the performance of the conditions of the Act of this year, and our instructions are to settle the instrument on behalf of Mr. Rithet.

We presume the bond will be prepared in the Attorney-General's Department.

We have, &c.,

(Signed) BODWELL & IRVING,
Solicitors for the Canadian Western Central Railway Co.

ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S OFFICE,

VICTORIA, B. C., June 17th 1892.

Messrs. Bodwell & Irving.

GENTLEMEN,—I have the honour to enclose bond for execution by Mr. Rithet, and to request that the same may be signed and returned to me immediately.

Your obedient servant,

(Signed) THEODORE DAVIE,
Attorney-General.

ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S OFFICE,
VICTORIA, B. C., 18th June, 1892.

W. J. Taylor, Esq., City.

SIR,—Referring to the proposition of L. H. Northey and associates to expend \$10,000 this year in the prosecution of surveys upon the line of the Canadian Northern, I have the honour to enclose bond (in the name of the parties you gave me this afternoon), and I have to request that you will at once cause the same to be executed and return to this Department.

Yours, &c.,
(Signed) THEODORE DAVIE.

VICTORIA, B. C., June 20th, 1892.

*To the Hon. the Attorney-General,
James Bay, City.*

RE CANADIAN WESTERN CENTRAL RAILWAY COMPANY.

SIR,—We have the honour to inform you that we are in receipt of certain telegrams from the persons in Chicago with whom we are negotiating, asking us if the matter could be arranged so as to allow them an opportunity of personal investigation into the condition of affairs here before finally committing themselves to the expenditure of the full amount of \$50,000, as stated in the Act.

The reasons for this you can readily understand. They are distant some three thousand miles, and are comparative strangers to this Province. With reference to the scheme, they have had no opportunity of personal investigation, all their information coming through correspondence, and therefore necessarily limited in expression. They also have no personal acquaintance with the character of the country, or of the natural difficulties which may surround the enterprise. Under these circumstances it is only fair to them that they should be allowed to verify, by actual observation, the representations made. Mr. Rithet recognizes the fairness of their request, and is anxious to meet them if some arrangement can be arrived at which will allow them this opportunity, and at the same time protect the Government, and ensure for them the expenditure of a reasonable sum in *bona fide* field-work in connection with the enterprise.

We have positive assurance from our Chicago friends that they intend to leave Chicago not later than the 25th of this month, with an engineering staff sufficient at least to make the preliminary explorations and satisfy themselves generally as to the character of the scheme. This will involve an expenditure on their part of at least \$3,500 to begin with; and the fact that they propose to come here under such circumstances, is itself a guarantee of their *bona fides* in the matter.

We may also state to you, for your information, that we have made enquiries from mercantile agencies as to the character and standing of the persons with whom we are corresponding, and have every reason to believe, from the answers that we have received, that they are in first-class credit financially, and also are men of large experience in railway construction and works of that nature.

Under the circumstances it occurs to us that if a certain modification is made in the draft bond, which you have submitted to us, in accordance with the enclosed memorandum, it will ensure all that the Act requires. We ask, therefore, whether that would be acceptable to the Government. You will see that it proposes an expenditure in exploration and field-work of a sum of ten thousand (\$10,000) dollars in any event. This would give the Government as much as is proposed by the Canadian Northern Company in the very outset; and speaking on behalf of the promoters of the Canadian Western Company, we have every reason to believe that the proposed expenditure on our part in connection with this enterprise will demonstrate the feasibility of the construction of the road, and will result in the immediate commencement of the actual construction of the railway.

We feel sure, therefore, that if the Government will lend us the encouragement which the proposed modification will effect, and which we venture to think is quite within their powers under the Statute, it will tend not only to the interests of our Syndicate, but also of the public generally.

We have, &c.,
(Signed) BODWELL & IRVING.

[ENCLOSURE.]

Provided, always, and these presents are upon the express condition, that if within the space of three months from the 17th day of June, 1892, the said Robert Paterson Rithet shall by means of the *bona fide* expenditure in his behalf of not less than ten thousand dollars in actual field-work and exploration in connection with the said railway, satisfy himself that the said scheme of construction, as set forth in the said document, is impracticable, and shall so notify the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for the Province of British Columbia, then, therefore, the above obligation shall be void, and shall cease to be of full force and virtue.

VICTORIA, B. C., 22nd June, 1892.

To the Hon. the Attorney-General,
James Bay, City.

RE CANADIAN WESTERN CENTRAL RAILWAY COMPANY.

SIR,—We have the honour to enclose herewith bond of Mr. R. P. Rithet, executed in accordance with our letter to you dated the 20th inst., which we trust will prove acceptable to the Lieutenant-Governor in Council.

We may also state that the Chicago Syndicate are making preparations to leave for this Province immediately, but will probably not be able to arrive here before the 5th July, having been delayed some days longer than they expected in completing their arrangements for making the trip.

We have, &c.,
(Signed) BODWELL & IRVING,
Solicitors for the Canadian Western Railway Co.

ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S OFFICE,
VICTORIA, 25th June, 1892.

L. H. Northey, Esq.,
Victoria, B. C.

SIR,—Referring to the proposition of yourself and associates contained in your letter dated the 11th day of June, 1892, respecting the Canada Northern Railway, and to my letter of the 18th day of June, 1892, enclosing a form of bond for execution, I beg to say that it has been decided by the Executive not to accept the proposition of the Canada Northern contained in the letter first above referred to, and that, therefore, there will be no occasion for the execution of the bond.

I have, &c.,
(Signed) THEODORE DAVIE,
Attorney-General.

VICTORIA, B. C., 19th August, 1892.

To the Hon. Attorney-General, City.

RE CANADIAN WESTERN CENTRAL RAILWAY COMPANY.

SIR,—In this matter we beg to inform you that we have been busily engaged for some weeks past in perfecting the details of the temporary arrangements which have been necessary in connection with the formation and thorough organization of the corporations necessary to undertake the construction of the railway, and we are glad to be able to state that matters have progressed even more favourably than our anticipations led us to expect. A vast amount of detail work has been accomplished, through the efforts of Messrs. Bakeman and Blackman here, which cannot but result in a great amount of good to the Province, in any event.

Mr. Bakeman expects to leave within a few days for Chicago, and he will carry with him reports and temporary contracts connected with all the preliminary arrangements, and will

immediately proceed to conclude the financial arrangements connected with the capitalization of the Company. We expect that within a few days after his arrival the security for the \$50,000 required by the Act will be arranged, and the bond will be deposited here within the time stated in the bond which Mr. Rithet has given.

In the meantime we should like to receive from your department the draft bond which the Government will require to be deposited, so that it may be executed in due course by the sureties.

We have also to inform you that two preliminary surveying parties are now in the field actively engaged in exploring the route to be taken by the Island division of the road, and we also hope to present a report of their work within a short time.

In connection with our arrangements, one or two matters of detail occur to us upon which we should like, if possible, to obtain an expression of opinion on behalf of the Government.

The first is with reference to the Land Grant. It is our intention in surveying the road, in order to save expense, to run outline surveys of the blocks of land which will eventually come to us as a part of the subsidy for the construction of the railway. These surveys, while they will not define by posts each 160 acres, will contain a sufficient outline of the 20,000 acre blocks to enable an accurate description to be given of them.

It will greatly aid us in the perfecting of our financial arrangements if an understanding can be arrived at with the Government under the terms of which these blocks of land, when surveyed, can be granted to a Trustee to hold upon trust, (a) to transfer to us as and when the various twenty mile sections of the road are from time to time completed and accepted by the Government; and (b) upon further trust, in case of our failure to fulfil the obligations of the charter, to revert to the Government. Under a conveyance of that character we could issue land bonds, all of which could be placed in the hands of the Government. Then, as each twenty-mile section of the road was completed and accepted, such bonds could be handed over to our Company to be negotiated, in place of the actual conveyance of the land.

In this manner the Government, it appears to us, will be amply secured, and a machinery will be provided by means of which we can more easily effect the financial negotiations which we have in view.

With reference to these land grant bonds, another question also occurs to us.

It is plain that during the construction of the railway there will be a difficulty as to the interest upon these bonds, inasmuch as the road during that period will have a comparatively small earning capacity. It occurs to us that, in that event, a substantial aid could be given to us if an arrangement could be effected by means of which a guarantee of interest for a limited time could be undertaken by the Government with respect to the land grant bonds.

We think that a security could be arranged for that guarantee of interest by way of a charge in favour of the Government upon the ultimate interest which will result to us from the possession of the land, and perhaps also upon the road-bed, rolling stock, and general equipment of the railway. We apprehend that by means of an arrangement of this kind the Government would be fully secured for their guarantee, and our bonds would be negotiable under more favourable conditions than if there is not behind them the Government guarantee of interest.

While this will, of course, benefit us, it will indirectly assist all connected with the enterprise, as it is not only in our interest, but also that of the Government, that the bonds to be issued upon these lands should be sold at the highest possible figure.

We do not expect at present that the Government are in a position to commit themselves absolutely to either one of these suggestions; but our present object in writing is to ascertain if, in the opinion of the Executive, it is likely that an application of this kind from our Company would receive favourable consideration.

As we have stated before, Mr. Bakeman expects to leave within a few days for Chicago, where he will lay the whole of this scheme before the capitalists there. In doing so, we should like, among other things, to explain our plans, both with reference to the lands and the guarantee of interest; but we do not wish on either of these points to make any representations unless there is a reasonable prospect of their fulfilment, subject, of course, to such arrangements as to details as may be deemed necessary.

We have, &c.,

(Signed) **BODWELL & IRVING,**
Solicitors for the Canadian Western Central Railway Co.

VICTORIA, B. C., 19th August, 1892.

To the Hon. Attorney-General,
James Bay, City.

RE CANADIAN WESTERN CENTRAL RAILWAY COMPANY.

SIR,—We have the honour to draw your attention to two matters which are of considerable interest to us, in view of our present negotiations.

It is, as you are perhaps aware, our intention to build the Island portion of the road exclusively by means of white labour; but upon the Mainland, in view of the financial aid which is being given to the road, we fear its construction cannot be successfully undertaken except upon the condition of performing the work to a large extent with Chinese labour.

Under the present Dominion regulations upon the subject, the number of Chinamen which can be imported into the country is limited. It is our intention, as soon as our arrangements are completed, to begin the work and push it through with all possible speed; and in that connection we should, if Chinese labour is employed, place upon the ground, as rapidly as possible, a large force of workmen. Under the present system, it would be impossible for us to import them in sufficient numbers within the time which will accord with our other plans.

It appears to us that an arrangement might be effected with the Dominion Government, by means of which the embargo may be raised for a limited time. This would enable us to bring upon the spot within a short time all the Chinamen which we wish to employ, and then the now existing state of the law, if thought advisable, could be reverted to.

We are willing, in that event, to enter into a contract with the Government to keep all these workmen under our own control during the whole period of the construction of the road, and afterwards to arrange for their return to their native land. We apprehend there will be no difficulty on our part in carrying out such an arrangement. These men will be employed on the Mainland section only, and from the character of the country there is little prospect that any number of them will succeed in evading the regulations which we will make for keeping them in hand.

We are also very anxious to obtain, if possible, the field-notes, plans, &c., connected with the survey of the route which was undertaken by the Dominion Government some years ago. From information which we have received we have reason to believe that this will in all probability be the line adopted by us; and, as you are aware, it will be a saving of very large expense to us, and will also greatly advance the rapid construction of the road, if that information can be placed in our hands.

We know of no way by which this can be done, except through a formal application on behalf of your Government to the Dominion Government, for permission to use these surveys in the construction of the road.

As we understand that you are about to proceed to Ottawa in connection with official business, we should be very much pleased if you will kindly consult with the authorities there upon this subject.

We are ready to accede to any reasonable conditions which the Government may demand in that behalf.

Another matter also which, if convenient, and favourably considered by you, we would suggest as a matter of conference with the Dominion Government.

We have in view, in connection with the building of the road, the inauguration of a well-equipped department for colonization purposes. We expect, of course, to receive, under the terms of the statute, a large grant of land in the Province, and it is our endeavour to make that land available as rapidly as possible, by encouraging in every way the settlement of the country through which the railway passes.

With this end in view, and as a matter of business, we have arranged to devote a considerable amount of capital for the purpose of inducing settlers to enter the country; and there is also being considered by us the idea of bringing over immediately from the older countries a sufficient number of employés to perform the manual labour connected with the construction of the Island division of the railway.

It is our idea, if it meets with the approval of the Government, to settle these families upon the Government lands through which the railway passes. They could thus be acquiring, according to the terms of our land law, pre-emption rights upon the land, while at the same time the heads of the families are earning the means of subsistence from the wages they receive as workmen upon the road.

If in this connection we could find it possible to considerably enlarge the scheme of colonization, we should like to know if any terms can be arranged with the Dominion authorities, or otherwise, for financial assistance in the way of subsidies.

We merely throw this out as a suggestion, which, if you consider favourably, might be spoken of in connection with the other matters which you intend to bring before the attention of the Dominion authorities.

We have, &c.,
(Signed) **BODWELL & IRVING,**
Solicitors for the Canada Western Central Railway Co.

VICTORIA, B.C., August 29th, 1892.

Hon. Theodore Davie,
Attorney-General and Premier.

MY DEAR MR. DAVIE,—Will you do us the kindness to send us the form of a bond you may require from Mr. Rithet to have the Act proclaimed?

We desire the form so we can have the proper bond executed in Chicago to indemnify Mr. Rithet, as by our contract agreed upon.

Very respectfully,
(Signed) **F. P. BLACKMAN.**

VICTORIA, B.C., 6th, September, 1892.

Messrs. Bodwell & Irving,
Barristers-at-Law, &c., Victoria, B.C.

GENTLEMEN,—Replying to your letter of August 19th, detailing some of the steps taken by your clients, the Canadian Western Railway Company, in organizing a Construction Company and preparing to float the scheme, I note your intention: "In order to save expense, to run outline surveys of the blocks of land which will eventually come to the Company as a part of the subsidy for the construction of the railway, these surveys to contain a sufficient outline of the 20,000-acre blocks to enable an accurate description to be given of them;" and I observe that you desire an expression of opinion on the part of the Government, firstly, whether a proposition would receive favourable consideration, under the terms of which these blocks of land, when surveyed, can be granted to a Trustee to hold, upon trust, to transfer to your clients as and when the various twenty-mile sections of the road are from time to time completed and accepted by the Government, or, failing completion, to revert to the Government; and, secondly, whether the Government would be disposed to favourably consider a guarantee of interest for a limited time with respect to the land grant bonds.

In reference to your suggestions I may say that I have every confidence that the undertaking which you are endeavouring to promote is one in which large profits will be realized by those engaged in it. The enterprise is also one of vast importance to the country, and it was in view of its public importance, and the desirability of offering inducement sufficient to enlist the requisite capital, that the Legislature voted the large bonus of land, and offered the facilities which it did.

Being assured that, under competent management and in proper hands, the ultimate success of the Canada Western is beyond question, I think the Government would be disposed, under proper conditions, to aid a *bona fide* company of undoubted standing, and whose methods were such as to meet approval, in either one or both of the ways you suggest.

I have, &c.,
(Signed) **THEODORE DAVIE,**
Attorney-General.

BOND.

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that I, ROBERT PATERSON RITHET, of the City of Victoria, merchant, am held and firmly bound unto the Honourable John Herbert Turner, the Minister of Finance for the Province of British Columbia, and to his

successors in the office of such Minister of Finance, in the penal sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) in good and lawful money of Canada, for which payment to be well and truly made, I bind myself, my heirs, executors, and administrators, firmly by these presents. Sealed with my seal. Dated this 17th day of September, A.D. 1892.

Whereas, by an Act of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia made and passed in the fifty-fifth year of Her Majesty's reign, Chapter 36, and known as the "Canadian Western and Northern Extension and Aid Act, 1892," it is among other things provided that it shall be lawful for the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, upon the furnishing of such securities as he may see fit to approve for the *bona fide* expenditure within one year from the twenty-third April, 1892, of not less than fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) in the prosecution of surveys for the purpose of locating the Canadian Western Central Railway (in the said Act referred to), to declare the first part of the said Act to be in force: and

Whereas the Lieutenant-Governor in Council has seen fit to approve of the security of this bond:

Now, therefore, the condition of the above obligation is such that if the said Canadian Western Central Railway Company shall, on or before the twenty-third day of April, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-three, well and truly expend the sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) (of which expenditure all moneys already expended in surveying by the said Company during the present year shall form part) in the prosecution of surveys for the purpose of locating the said railway, and shall file with the said Minister of Finance the certificate of the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, or other sufficient evidence satisfactory to the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, showing that such moneys have been *bona fide* expended in the prosecution of such surveys, then the above-written obligation shall be void, or else shall remain in full force and virtue.

Signed, sealed, and delivered in }
the presence of }
(Signed) ERNEST V. BODWELL. }

(Signed) R. P. RITHET. [SEAL.]

[TELEGRAM.]

VICTORIA, October 3rd, 1892.

Frank Bakeman,
1,007 Monadnock Building, Chicago.

Have wired the First National Bank to forward me the bond to Turner. We shall hold it as collateral to Rithet's bond, which has already been deposited, and against which Rithet will take the bond of which you apprised him in your telegram.

(Signed) THEODORE DAVIE.

[TELEGRAM.]

CHICAGO, ILL., October 4th, 1892.

To Hon. Theodore Davie.

Bakeman bond forwarded to-day.

(Signed) FIRST NATIONAL BANK.

CHICAGO, Oct. 4th, 1892.

Honourable Theodore Davie,
Premier, British Columbia, Victoria, B.C.

DEAR SIR,—We wired you to-day as follows:—"Bakeman bond forwarded to-day." Herewith we enclose the bond. This is in compliance with your dispatch received to-day.

Yours truly,
(Signed) R. J. STREET.

BOND.

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that we, Frank Bakeman, William C. Williams, W. S. Burling, C. W. Higgins, C. A. Morrill, and Thomas Cratty are held and firmly bound unto the Honourable John Herbert Turner, the Minister of Finance for the Province of British Columbia, and to his successors in the office of such Minister of Finance, in the penal sum of fifty thousand (\$50,000) dollars of good and lawful money of Canada, for which payment to be well and truly made we bind ourselves, and each of us bindeth himself, our and each of our heirs, executors, and administrators firmly by these presents, sealed with our seals. Dated September seventeenth, 1892.

Whereas, by an Act of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia made and passed in the fifty-fifth year of Her Majesty's reign, Chapter 36, and known as the "Canadian Western and Northern Extension and Aid Act, 1892," it is among other things provided that it shall be lawful for the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, upon the furnishing of such securities as he may see fit to approve for the *bona fide* expenditure within one year from the twenty-third April, 1892, of not less than fifty thousand (\$50,000) dollars in the prosecution of surveys for the purpose of locating the Canadian Western Central Railway (in the said Act referred to), to declare the first part of the said Act to be in force.

And whereas the Lieutenant-Governor in Council has seen fit to approve of the security of this bond.

NOW, THEREFORE, the condition of the above obligation is such that if the said Canadian Western Central Railway Company shall, on or before the twenty-third day of April, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-three, well and truly expend the sum of fifty thousand (\$50,000) dollars (of which expenditure all moneys already expended in surveying by the said Company during the present year shall form part) in the prosecution of surveys for the purpose of locating the said railway, and shall file with the said Minister of Finance the certificate of the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, or other sufficient evidence satisfactory to the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, showing that such moneys have been *bona fide* expended in the prosecution of such surveys, then the above written obligation shall be void, or else shall remain in full force and virtue.

Witness our hands and seals this 17th day of September, A.D. 1892.

(Signed)	FRANK BAKEMAN,
"	WILLIAM C. WILLIAMS,
"	W. S. BURLING,
"	C. W. HIGGINS,
"	C. A. MORRILL,
"	THOMAS CRATTY.

Signed, sealed, and delivered in presence of

Copy of a Report of a Committee of the Honourable the Executive Council, approved by His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor on the 6th day of October, 1892.

On a memorandum from the Honourable the Minister of Finance dated the 6th day of October, 1892, enclosing a bond executed by Robert Paterson Rithet, of the City of Victoria, merchant, to the said the Honourable the Minister of Finance in the sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00), and dated the 17th day of September, 1892, which bond recites section 4 of an Act of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia made and passed in the 55th year of Her Majesty's reign, chapter 36, and known as the "Canadian Western and Northern Extension and Aid Act, 1892," and is conditioned in the terms of said section 4 for the *bona fide* expenditure within one year from the date of the said Act of not less than fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00) in the prosecution of surveys for the purposes of locating the railway therein referred to, and also enclosing a telegram from the First National Bank of Chicago, dated September 17th, 1892, advising that the collateral bond of Frank Bakeman, C. A. Morrill, Thomas Cratty, William C. Williams, W. S. Burling, and C. W. Higgins to the Honourable the Minister of Finance, similarly conditioned and duly executed, was there deposited subject to the order of this Government, which bonds are furnished for the purpose of the passing of an Order in Council declaring the first part of the said "Canadian Western and Northern Extension and Aid Act, 1892," in force ;

And recommending that the said bonds be approved and accepted as the security by said section required, and that Part I. of the said "Canadian Western and Northern Extension and Aid Act, 1892," be declared in force from date of approval hereof and publication of the enclosed Proclamation.

Certified.

(Signed) A. CAMPBELL REDDIE,
Deputy Clerk, Executive Council.

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HUGH NELSON.

CANADA.

PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

VICTORIA, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland,
QUEEN, Defender of the Faith, &c., &c., &c.

To all to whom these Presents shall come.—GREETING.

A PROCLAMATION.

A. G. SMITH, } WHEREAS it is provided by section 4 of an Act passed by the
Deputy Attorney-General. } Legislature of the Province of British Columbia in the fifty-
fifth year of Our reign, intituled "An Act respecting the Canadian Western Central Railway
Company and the Canadian Northern Railway Company," that Part I. of the said Act shall
not come into force until proclaimed by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council ;

And whereas Our said Lieutenant-Governor, by and with the advice and consent of his
Executive Council, has been pleased by Order in Council in that behalf, to order that the said
Part I. of the said Act shall be in force as from this day.

NOW KNOW YE, therefore, that in pursuance thereof we do hereby proclaim the said
Part I. of the said Act to be in force from this day.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent, and
the Great Seal of the said Province to be hereunto affixed : WITNESS, the
Honourable HUGH NELSON, Lieutenant-Governor of Our said Province
of British Columbia, in Our City of Victoria, in Our said Province, this
sixth day of October, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred
and ninety-two, and in the fifty-sixth year of Our Reign.

By Command.

JAMES BAKER,
Provincial Secretary.

VICTORIA, B.C.:

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