

signed on behalf of the Governments of Canada, Nova Scotia, and New Brunswick, relating to the several matters under consideration, copies of which are contained in a Schedule hereunto annexed, marked respectively A and B: And whereas, in pursuance of the provisions in said Memoranda contained, a Delegation from the Provinces of Canada, Nova Scotia, and New Brunswick, proceeded to London, with a view of carrying out the objects therein set forth, and, after consultation with Members of Her Majesty's Government, a Paper, stating the terms and conditions upon which the British Government would afford their guarantee, was submitted by Sir Frederick Rogers, on the thirteenth December, in the year aforesaid, as a basis for Colonial Legislation, a copy of which Paper is set forth in said Schedule, and marked C, followed by a further Paper from Sir Frederick Rogers, on behalf of the Duke of Newcastle, dated twenty fourth of January one thousand eight hundred and sixty three, transmitting a copy of a Minute by the Secretary of the Treasury, also hereto annexed, and marked D: And whereas, on the part of the Province of New Brunswick, it has been determined to accept this offer of Imperial aid to construct the said Railway, upon the terms in the said Papers set forth, and to assume the liability of three and one-half twelfths of three millions of pounds sterling, as specified therein;—

Be it therefore enacted by the Lieutenant Governor, Legislative Council, and Assembly, as follows:—

1. The Governor in Council is hereby authorized to borrow, through and upon the guarantee of the British Government, three and one-half twelfths of three millions of pounds sterling, for the purpose of aiding in the construction of an Inter-Colonial Line of Railway between Truro in the Province of Nova Scotia, through the Province of New Brunswick, and Riviere du Loup in the Province of Canada.

2. No such loan shall be contracted on behalf of the Province of New Brunswick, until corresponding powers have been given by the Legislature of Canada to the Government of Canada to borrow, under like guarantee, five twelfths of three millions of pounds sterling, nor until corresponding powers shall have been given by the Legislature of Nova Scotia to the Government of Nova Scotia to borrow, under like guarantee, three and one-half twelfths of three millions of pounds sterling, for the same object.

3. The amount so borrowed shall be applied towards the completion of the said Railway, on a line to be approved by the Imperial Government.

4. The principal and interest on the said loan of three and one-half twelfths of three millions of pounds sterling, shall be a first charge on the Revenue of the Province after the Civil List and the principal and interest of existing debts and liabilities; the interest on the said loan to be payable semi-annually at London on or before the first day of May and November in each year.

5. The loan to be liquidated as follows:—Three and one-half twelfths of two hundred and fifty thousand pounds sterling, to be payable ten years after contracting such loan;—three and one-half twelfths of five hundred thousand pounds sterling, twenty years;—three and one-half twelfths of one million of pounds sterling, thirty years;—and three and one-half twelfths of one million two hundred and fifty thousand pounds sterling, forty years after contracting such loan.

6. The payment of the three last instalments to be provided for as follows:—

2nd Decade, (say 1873 to 1882 inclusive.)

A Sinking Fund of three and one-half twelfths of forty thousand pounds sterling, to be remitted annually to the Imperial Treasury, being an amount adequate, if invested at five per centum compound interest, to provide three and one-half twelfths of five hundred thousand pounds sterling at the end of the decade; the sum to be remitted annually, to be invested in the names of Trustees, in Colonial securities of any of the three Provinces aforesaid, prior to or forming part of the loan to be raised, or in such other Colonial securities as Her Majesty's Government shall direct, and the Government of New Brunswick shall approve.

3rd Decade, (say 1883 to 1892 inclusive.)

A Sinking Fund of three and one-half twelfths of eighty thousand pounds sterling, to be remitted annually to the Imperial Treasury, being an amount adequate, if invested at five per centum compound interest, to provide three and one-half twelfths of one million of pounds sterling at the end of the decade; the amount, when remitted, to be invested as in the case of the Sinking Fund for the preceding decade.

4th Decade, (say 1893 to 1902 inclusive.)

A Sinking Fund of three and one-half twelfths of one hundred thousand pounds sterling, to be remitted annually to the Imperial Treasury, being an amount adequate, if invested at five per centum compound interest, to provide three and one-half twelfths of one million two hundred and fifty thousand pounds sterling, being the balance of the loan, at the end of the decade; this amount, when remitted, to be invested as in the preceding decades.

Should the Sinking Fund of any decade produce a surplus, it will go to the credit of the next decade; and in the last decade, the Sinking Fund will be remitted or reduced accordingly.

7. The construction of said Railway, if by the Governments, shall be conducted by five Commissioners—two to be appointed by Canada, one by Nova Scotia, and one by New Brunswick; these four to choose the remaining Commissioner. The preliminary surveys shall be effected at the expense of the Colonies, by three Engineers and other officers to be nominated—two of such Engineers to be chosen by the Governments of Canada, Nova Scotia, and New Brunswick, and one by the Imperial Government; and of such expense the Province of New Brunswick shall be liable for three and one-half twelfths.

8. The Road to be at the service of the Imperial Government for the carriage of Troops and Munitions of War, on such terms and at such rate of tariff as may from time to time be agreed upon between the Imperial and Colonial Governments.

9. As soon as the Provinces of Canada and Nova Scotia shall have provided the necessary legislation to carry into effect the stipulations contained in the Memoranda A and B, and upon the terms and conditions set forth in the paper marked C, in the Schedule annexed, furnished by the British Government, the Governor in Council may appoint a suitable person, to hold office during pleasure, as one of the Commissioners to be selected in conformity with the provisions of Section one of Memorandum B in said Schedule, who shall be clothed with all the powers necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act in conjunction with Commissioners to be appointed by the Governments of Canada and Nova Scotia, as in said Section set forth.