

The following table shows the lines subsidized by Local Governments in the Maritime Provinces, under the Acts of Nova Scotia Legislature, 28 Vic. cap. 13 (1865), and New Brunswick Legislature, 27 Vic. cap. 3 (1864):—

Name of Line	Wind. and Annap. N.S.	Western Ex., N.B.	East. Ex. N.B.	Fred'n B'nch, N. B.	W'ds'k B'nch, N. B.	St. Steph's Branch, N. B.	Gross Totals.
Length	85 miles.	88 miles.	37½ mls.	22½ mls.	11 mls.	19 miles.	263 miles.
Amount of Subsidy at \$10,000 per mile	*N. S. Cy.. \$1,103,000 Can. Cy., \$1,073,586 67	†880,000	372,500	227,500	110,000	190,000 00	2,853,586 67
Sum paid by Province previous to Confederation.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	184,000 00	184,000 00
By Dominion on account of Local Government, from 1st July, 1867, to 30th June, 1869, Can. Cy.	910,137 88	500,000	285,000	125,000	74,800	5,764 57	1,909,702 45
Do. do. during fiscal year ending 30th June, 1870, Can. Cy.	154,448 79	230,000	67,500	92,500	.....	.....	614,448 79
Total paid to 30th June, 1870, Can. Cy	\$1,073,586 67	\$800,000	\$352,500	\$217,500	\$74,800	\$189,764 57	2,708,151 21
Balance remaining unpaid, Can. Cy. ....	.....	\$80,000	\$20,000	\$10,000	\$35,200	\$235 48	145,435 48

* The subsidy granted to the Windsor and Annapolis Railway, N. S., was capitalized into a sum of £188,600 sterling, in accordance with an arrangement between the Nova Scotia Government and the Contractors of the Railway, under authority of the Nova Scotia Act above cited; and it was further agreed that a sum of £32,000 should be paid for the construction of a bridge

across the River Avon, under the same Act. This line has been completed during the past fiscal year.

† In addition to the subsidy to the Western Extension Line, N. B., stock to the extent of \$300,000 has been taken by the Province in aid of the Railway, as authorized by the New Brunswick Act, 30 Vic., cap. 6 (1867).

PUBLIC BUILDINGS.

A sum of \$28,490 was spent during the last fiscal year for furniture, alterations, additions, repairs, maintenance and cleaning of the Parliament and Departmental buildings at Ottawa.

The Dominion maintains Custom Houses and some other public buildings throughout

the Dominion, the detail of which would be too long for the *Year Book*.

The purchase of the Royal Insurance block in Montreal, for a Custom House, and the Keith property in St. John, N. B., for a Custom House, Immigration, Inland Revenue, and other public purposes, may be mentioned.

Canadian North West Indians.

RECENT INFORMATION OF THEIR CONDITION AND FEELINGS—ABSTRACT OF SPECIAL REPORT OF LIEUT. BUTLER.

In the fall and the winter of 1870, Lt. Butler of the 69th Regiment, was commissioned by Lt. Governor Archibald, of Manitoba, to make a report on the state of Indian affairs in the North West Territory. In pursuance of his mission he started from Fort Garry on the 25th of October, and returned on the 18th of the February following, having occupied 119 days; and travelled about 2,700 miles.

He reached the South Saskatchewan on the 9th of November, where he found the river partially frozen. It was entirely frozen five days afterwards; and he crossed it and proceeded westward towards Fort Edmonton, which point he reached on the 26th November: he states, that for the "last 200

"miles of his journey the country had become clear of snow, and the frosts, notwithstanding the high altitude of the region, had decreased in severity. Starting again on the 1st December I recrossed the Saskatchewan below Edmonton, and continued in a south-westerly direction towards the Rocky Mountain House, passing through a country which, though at that advanced season of the year, still retained many traces of its summer beauty." He came in sight of the Rocky Mountains on the 4th December. On the 12th he commenced his return to Red River, along the valley of the Saskatchewan, where he found snow had fallen to the depth of a foot. The thermometer now ranged from 18 to 22 de-