

by the  
Canadian  
Pacific  
Railway.

ment of its accompanying telegraph system, which would necessarily be in competition with the lines operated by the Government over the same territory for the benefit of the public, it was decided to accept an offer made by the Canadian Pacific Railway Company for the purchase of the existing Government lines along the railway route, and the following lines were accordingly sold to the company for the sum of \$15,780 :—

	Miles.
Victoria to Dungeness, including cable.....	19½
Victoria to Cache Creek.....	356
New Westminster to Port Moody.....	7½
Cache Creek to Kamloops.....	48
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An arrangement, terminable at any time, was at the same time made for the operation by the company of the lines 294½ miles in length north of Ashcroft and elsewhere, the lines remaining the property of the Government. The arrangement came into force on the 1st October, 1886.

Length  
and situa-  
tion of  
Govern-  
ment  
lines.

368. The following table gives the length of the various lines controlled by Government on 30th June, 1887 :—