

Pacific Railway than by any other route, and the winter route *viâ* Halifax is 17 hours shorter than the shortest winter route through the United States, and attention has already been called by the American press to the manner in which this road is cutting into the business of the transcontinental roads of the United States.

439. The company had sold, up to the 31st December, 1887, a total of 3,272,749 acres out of the 18,206,986 acres remaining to them of the original grant of 25,000,000 acres. The sales during 1887 were 59,993 acres, at an average price of \$3.89½ per acre, as compared with \$3.28 per acre in 1886.

Landsales
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440. By clause 15 of the original contract between the Government and the company it was provided that for 20 years from the date thereof (21st October, 1880) no line of railway should be authorized by the Dominion Parliament to be constructed south of the Canadian Pacific Railway, except such lines as should run south-west or west south-west, nor to within 15 miles of latitude 49 (the international boundary.)

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441. Considerable agitation having, during the last two years, arisen in the Province of Manitoba in consequence of the enforcement of this clause, it was deemed best in the interests both of the country and of the company that some arrangement should be made by which, in return for adequate compensation, the company should resign all their rights under the clause, and an agreement was accordingly made between the Government and the company to the following effect:—

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The company agreed that all restrictions imposed upon the Dominion Parliament by said clause 15 should cease to exist and be forever removed.