

The Government agreed to guarantee the payment of interest for not longer than fifty years from date of issue on bonds of the company to an amount not exceeding \$15,000,000, such interest to be at the rate of three and a half per cent. per annum, the bonds to be secured on the unsold lands of the company, estimated at 14,934,238 acres. The net proceeds of the sales of such lands to be from time to time paid over to the Government to constitute a fund for the payment of the principal of the bonds, the interest, at the same rate of three and a half per cent., on the money so set apart to be applied towards payment of the interest on the bonds.

Other provisions were made respecting the land grant bonds at present outstanding, and the company's roads between Winnipeg and St. Boniface and the American boundary.

The money to be raised by the bonds was to be expended as follows:—On account of capital expenditure on main line between Quebec and Vancouver, in buildings and improvements of various kinds, \$5,498,000; for rolling stock required, \$5,250,000, and for improvements required on the main line and elsewhere, \$4,252,000.

442. The agreement was signed on the 18th April, 1888, and was subsequently ratified by the Dominion Parliament.

443. The following table gives the railway mileage in British Possessions, together with the number of persons and of square miles of area to each mile:—

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