

Ottawa, Ath., October, 1894.

Sir,

In order to decide some matters in dispute between the Dominion Government and the Government of British Columbia, the Deputy Minister of Justice was asked the exact date upon which the Provincial Government ceased to be entitled to grant or give entries for lands within the Canadian Pacific Railway Belt in that Province.

The opinion of the Deputy Minister of Justice is
 "that the date upon which the Provincial Government
 "ceased to be entitled to grant lands in the belt or to
 "give entries therefor, would be the date of the final
 "location of the line of the Canadian Pacific Railway,
 "i.e., the date upon which the location was approved by
 "the Governor in Council".

Will you please give me this date or, if the location was approved in sections, furnish me a description of each section together with the date of the Order in Council approving the same.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

The Deputy Minister
 of Railways and Canals,
 Ottawa

Your obedient servant,

(20) *R. M. Burgess*
 Deputy of the Minister
 of the Interior

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