

Copy of a Report of a Committee of the Honorable the  
Executive Council, approved by His Excellency the  
Governor General in Council on the 6th April, 1865.

The Honorable the Postmaster General submits an agreement entered into by him with the Grand Trunk Railway Company, which is annexed hereto and suggests that he be allowed to embody the same in a formal report, that an order in Council may be based thereon.

The Postmaster General however recommends that no payments in excess of the former rates be made under such agreement until the same shall have been laid before Parliament.

The Committee concur in the above recommendations.

Certified,                      W. H. LEE,  
C. E. C.

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*Memorandum of a proposition made by the Postmaster General and agreed to by Mr. Brydges, on behalf of the Grand Trunk Railway.*

1. The Grand Trunk Railway Company to enter into a Contract for a period of three years from the 1st August, 1865, to perform Mail Service as follows, upon a Railway Mileage, counted thus :

Sarnia to Toronto.....	168½
Toronto to Montreal.....	333
Montreal to Quebec.....	172½
Richmond to Boundary Line.....	55
Montreal to St. Johns.....	27
St. Mary's to London.....	22½
Quebec to Rivière du Loup.....	126
Arthabaska to Three Rivers.....	35½
Montreal to Province Line, Hemmingford.....	40
St. Johns to Rouse's Point.....	23

Miles.... 1002½

2. The Service to consist of a Train between Sarnia and Quebec, each way daily, (Sundays excepted) to leave Sarnia and Quebec respectively each evening, and to run through continuously.

In addition a Night Train between Montreal and Toronto, each way daily, (Sundays excepted) to run continuously in connexion with a Day Train between Toronto and St. Mary's, so as to give a second continuous service between Montreal and St. Mary's.

The above Trains to stop at such Stations as may be designated by the Post Office.

3. Upon all branches one Train, at least, is to be run each way daily, (Sundays excepted) stopping at all stations.

4. In addition to above the Post Office to have the use of every other Passenger Train which may be run by the Company during the contract, and the Company to attach a Post Office Car to each Train, if required thereto by the Post Office.

5. The Post Office compartment to consist of a space of sixteen feet long by the width of the Car, to be fitted up according to a specification to be furnished by the Post Office and comfortably heated and lighted.

6. The Officers of the Post Office to be carried in the Post Office compartment free of charge, and free passes to be issued as heretofore.

7. The special Ocean Mail Service, as at present performed between Montreal and Quebec, and between Montreal and Portland, to be comprised, including a special Train from Quebec to Montreal, whenever the Steamship arrives more than five hours before the departure of the regular Train.

8. All side service to be performed by the Company, including the carriage of the Mails between all stations, terminal or otherwise, and the various Post Offices, and is to be performed under the present classification and regulations of the Post Office, unless altered with the consent of the Postmaster General.

9. The rate to be paid for the above described services to be a rate of one hundred and fifty dollars per mile of Railway per annum, equivalent upon the Railway mileage on which the agreement is based to \$150,375 00 a year.

Payments to be made quarterly at Post Office quarterly periods.

10. As a settlement of all claims by the Grand Trunk Railway up to commencement of this described contract on 1st August, 1865, a rate to be allowed from 5th October, 1858, when a settlement of accounts was arrived at, of one hundred and ten dollars a mile per annum of the Grand Trunk Railway, actually in operation in each year, with an addition of \$16,000 per annum, as an allowance for special service, as estimated by the Hon. Mr. Moffatt, in 1862.

The account upon this basis to be made up from the 6th October, 1858 to 9th June, 1862, the date of the passing of the Arrangements Act, and whatever may be due thereon to the Company to be applied in payment of the indebtedness of the Company to the Government.

The amount accruing from the 9th June, 1862 up to 31st July, 1865, to be paid in cash, less whatever sums have been paid on account.

Signed, W. P. HOWLAND,  
P. M. G.

C. J. BRYDGES,  
for G. T. R. Co.

Quebec, 6th April, 1865.