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CHICAGO, ROCK ISLAND AND PACIFIC RAILWAY
COMPANY.

MARCH 10, 1898.—Ordered to be printed.

Mr. PETTIGREW, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, submitted the following

REPORT.

[To accompany S. 3969.]

The Committee on Indian Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S 3969) to extend the time for the construction of the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railway Company through the Indian Territory, report the same back with a recommendation that it pass amended as follows:

After the word "act" in line 16 insert the following:

Provided, That said company shall build at least fifty miles of its railway in said Territory within one year after the passage of this act. *And provided further*, That the right of way granted for stations be limited in length to two thousand feet for each station.

During the year 1893, and soon after the passage of the act of Congress entitled "An act to grant to the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railway Company a right of way through the Indian Territory, and for other purposes," approved February 27, 1893, said railway company, at a cost of several thousand dollars and in pursuance of said act, surveyed and located from the station of Chickasha, on its main line in said Territory, a line of railway in a southeasterly direction toward the city of Dallas, in the State of Texas, to the south line of said Territory, and to a point near the city of Gainesville, in said State, and a line extending from said station of Chickasha westward to and beyond the southwest and west line of Oklahoma Territory.

It also, during said year 1893 and since, made and completed maps and profiles of each of said lines surveyed and located as aforesaid, with the purpose of constructing the same soon thereafter and within the time in said act specified. The main line of said company extends and has been operated for the last five years from the city of Chicago westward to Kansas City, in the State of Missouri, and thence by the cities of Topeka and Wichita, in the State of Kansas, south through said Indian Territory and the Territory of Oklahoma to the city of Fort Worth, in said State of Texas; and the lines so surveyed and

located from said station of Chickasha, as above stated, will, when completed, be feeders of and be operated in connection with said main line. The said lines were surveyed and located in good faith by said company, and their construction was prevented by the stringency in the money matters and by the hard times which extended from 1893 up to and including the year 1897.

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