

the Col's eloquent speech, and of Mr. Chouinard's lecture, addressed the assembly : amongst others, the Lord Bishop of Quebec, the Hble Mr. Lynch minister of crown Lands, the R. R. MM. Hamel and Laflamme, Mr. Dobell, Mr. Scott and others followed by the Hble Mr. Langelier mayor of Quebec, who reminded us of all the interest he manifests in this section of country, as witness the explorations, which he caused to be made by Mr. Dumais land surveyor as far as 100 miles Northward of Lake St. John while he was a member of the Govt., in his official capacity of minister of Crown Lands, and I am now in a position to inform you Mr. Mayor and gentlemen that the efforts of the Society are about to be crowned with success, and that as early as the end of June next, MM. Bignell and Comeau surveyors and explorers in the company of a squad from the geological commission of Canada, will leave on a two years expedition to survey the Mistassini and explore the country which on the one side divides it from James bay, on the other from the shores of Lake St. John, the commission having to that effect, out of the \$12,000 to be applied to the geological study of Canada, voted \$6,000 or one half of the amount towards the proposed explorations, while the Federal and Local Govts. are to subscribe \$4,000 each towards covering the cost of the expedition.

Let us therefore continue a work so well inaugurated by our determination to push forward at once to Lake St. John, that we may thence penetrate farther into a country all of promise.

I conclude my report on the present section of the Quebec and Lake St. John Railway by recommending that the Corporation, as already done by the Fed, and Local Govts, do perform the needful by the company in paying over to it. the desired instalment as required by the conditions and stipulations attached to the City's subscription in favor of this road of which we will in the near future appreciate all the utility and importance.

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