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CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY,

EASTERN DIVISION.

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Montreal, August 15th, 1882.

To Members of the American Association for the Advancement of Science

In Convention at Montreal.

We extend to you a cordial invitation to participate in a free excursion over the line of our road, from Montreal to Ottawa and return, on Saturday August 26th, 1882, which we will be pleased to have you accept, as we consider your visit to the Dominion incomplete without a view of its capital.

Our line from Montreal to Ottawa runs through an old-settled country, very rich as an agricultural district. We have a perfect road-bed, steel rails, iron bridges, elegant coaches, quick time and a constantly changing panorama of lake, river and mountain scenery. Our line is well called "the great scenic route of Canada," for as the train moves swiftly on, we find ourselves skimming along the banks of the Ottawa river, many parts of which have been rendered romantic by the residence and songs of the poet Tom Moore. Again we are carried from the river to the foot of dark old mountains which frown down from their lofty heights at the screech of the engine whistle, which echoes a hundred times through their pine forests, ravines and gorges. In a few minutes we are out again in the open country with distant views of the Laurentide range of mountains—often times called the Catskills of Canada—then back again to the Ottawa, studded with its numerous islands, giving it the appearance of an enchanted lake; over noisy brooks and wild water-falls whose beauty can be seen from the car windows, as the train passes over the bridges that span their streams which rush on to the Ottawa, past the inexhaustible beds of phosphate, in full view of the Gatineau mountains, and before reaching Ottawa we pass in close proximity to the Hills of Hull.