

to lend the aid and the credit of the city in the construction of any line of railroad going directly east of the Montreal Mountain to St. Eustache in the direction of Bytown.

Now, Mr. Mayor, our adversaries have, through the Channel of the press and Engineers in their pay, attempted to demonstrate our plan as impracticable, that the route we propose offered natural obstacles impossible to overcome. Well! let those gentlemen understand that there is more than one Engineer in the country. In conjunction with some friends, I have caused an examination of the pretended obstacles to be made by a civil Engineer and Provincial Surveyor of distinction.

I hold in my hand the written opinion of that Scientific man, and I will now read it. It will be already seen that nothing opposed the passage of a railroad at the Northeast end of the Mountain of Montreal, and more than this, that our adversaries will find in their favorite line still greater obstacles to overcome. I will now read the opinion of this man of the art, and call most particular attention to it.

I, the undersigned, François Victor Regnaud, Provincial Surveyor and Civil Engineer, residing in Montreal, certify that having been requested by Alexander M. Delisle, Esq., and other Citizens and Proprietors, residing in the said City, to examine, in my aforesaid capacity, if it were possible to trace and lay a *Line* of Railroad starting from Craig Street to reach Coteau St. Louis, in such a manner as to continue such Railroad from Craig Street aforesaid, to any given point on the River des Prairies, and leading to the same by the Line which would offer the least difficulties to reach St. Eustache, in the County of Two Mountains, and crossing Isle Jesus.

Although I have had but little time to examine the question and visit the ground, I do not hesitate to answer affirmatively, yes, by means of certain Segments (arcs ou courbes) and taking a point of departure from Craig Street to reach the road of *Petite Cote de la Visitation* by the usual means of