

# HUDSON'S BAY RAILWAY ROUTE

VIA

## MISSANABIE AND VALLEY OF MOOSE RIVER.

LYNEDOCHE, ONT.,

December 27th, 1897

*Hon. A. S. Hardy,*  
*Attorney General,*  
*and Premier of Ontario.*

DEAR SIR,—I have the honor of informing you that the request contained in your letter of September 9th last, that a personal examination should be made by myself of that portion of the Province of Ontario north of the Canadian Pacific Railway, proposed to be traversed by the Sault Ste. Marie and Hudson's Bay Railway Company, with a view of the Government being informed of its capabilities and characteristics, and the inducements which exist, or may be created, to secure commercial access and transit facilities through the contiguous wilderness to the shores of the great sea, which forms a part of the northern boundary of this Province, has since been complied with, in a manner and to an extent indicated in the accompanying report.

The points upon which you desired to obtain information were stated :—

First, as to the character of the country.

Second, as to the soil.

Third, as to the variety and quantity of timber, minerals, etc.

Fourth, character and prospects of future trade between Hudson's Bay and main lines of railways passing through the Province.

Fifth, as to the extent of trade between points mentioned.

Sixth, source of supply in the Hudson's Bay territory, the quantity, value, etc.

You stated that these are all important matters as to which information is desired from the company, and that the Government think it important that they should have some information obtained from their own standpoint as distinct from that of the Company's.

You also stated that owing to the lateness of the season, I might not be able to obtain as full information as might be desired, but could no doubt obtain general information upon all of them.