

pared with those remaining to be done, or of the whole road, Mr. Cadman is of opinion, as witness the report of the Co. transmitted to the Fed. Govt. on the 4th May last (No31316) that the 10 mille section of the road North of St. Raymond is a fair average of the whole line between St. Raymond and Lake St. John, which conveys the impression at the same time, that the grades and curves of the remainder of the line from Lake Simon to the extremity of the road will in no way be inferior to those already alluded to.

May we one and all Gentlemen, in 1886 shake each other by the hand on the borders of Lake St. John; then with a new start push farther and still farther North so that by the end of another decade we may reach the shores of the great lake Mistassini and thence by the valley of the Rupert river, James Bay, at the Southern extremity of Hudson's Bay, thus opening up to our children a vaster field of action, a line of communication shorter, more direct between the fish teeming waters of this vast internal sea of British North America, Canada, the remainder of the continent, Europe and where not; thus also emancipating ourselves at last and once for all from our fealty to that prevailing and dominant idea which has so long, so persistently held sway over and intralled our minds and verry actions in its narrowed though potent grasp: that, failing the lumber trade, there remains nothing for us to devote our energies to in this section of the country.

Let us thank the Federal Govt for what it has already done for the Lake St. John Railway; but let us also remind our rulers at Ottawa that if the Govt. has already expended so many millions in the West: to us the far, far West, the future inheritance of the Province of Ontario; we also, of the Province of Quebec have claims, requirements which can not well be overlooked: that among others of opening up to us a roadway, not into the far but into the nearer East where our children may without straying too widely from their fathers' fire-sides, go seek a livelihood, if nothing more.

The Geographical Society of Quebec, under the presidency of Lt. Col. Rhodes with alderman Chouinard for vice-president, Mr. F. D. Sims of the provincial Treasury as active secretary, abetted by MM. Fletcher, Ledroit and others, with a council of five members of which the undersigned forms part, has already devoted itself to the conquest of that country of fish, furs and minerals. The Colonel's soiree at the St. Louis in presence of an audience composed of the elite of our Citizens is proof of what I advance.

On this occasion several persons following in the wake of