

where is Quebec ? The entire trade with all its concomitant advantages gives your city the " go by."

For half the year the river is almost impassible, masses of ice deny the stoutest boat a passage, and frequently the passenger who is compelled to cross is many hours and sometimes a whole day doing so.

At the best of times it will be difficult and expensive to transport goods and merchandize across the river in boats and lighters, and to load and unload from cars to carts and carts to boats and to carts again before reaching the warehouses, while in the winter time, no merchandize at all can cross in sufficient quantities to be worthy of remark.

While by means of the bridge and the railway as here proposed, the cars may be loaded in Halifax, Boston or New-York, and not unloaded until they are under the roofs of warehouses in your city.

It appears to me there is no alternative, Quebec must be connected to the southern shore of the river by some permanent means, by something upon which communication can be kept up at all times without reference to time or season, something that the wind, the waves, the cold or heat will not impair.

Gentlemen of Quebec, you must either *build a bridge or a New City.*

Without suitable means of crossing, rival communities to Quebec will spring up on the south shore, and the trade of the ancient capital will leave it.

It is no parallel case at New-York. There although to a great extent the business of the city on railways is carried on by ferries crossing to the island from the main land, they run uninterruptedly or nearly so at all seasons, for it is near fifty years since the harbor of New-York has been closed and almost as long since the rivers at the lower part of the