## DOMINION CHARTER.

As it is the opinion of many eminent engineers that the shortest, cheapest and most feasible route for the construction of the Pacific Railway, from Manitoba Eastward, lies to the North of Quebec, it might be advisable for the Company to obtain a charter at next session of the Federal Parliament, authorizing the construction of such a road, from some point on the Quebec and Lake St. John Railway to connect with the Pacific Railway.

In conclusion, the Directors would congratulate the Shareholders and Bondholders upon the satisfactory position of the enterprise. The road has been commenced in a solid and substantial manner, and the prospects of its being carried through to completion in the same manner are encouraging. The board feel confident that, with due perseverance, their successors in office will be enabled to bring to a successful termination an undertaking, the immense importance of which to the city and Province of Quebec, is becoming more and more appreciated.

The whole respectfully submitted.

## FRANK ROSS, President.

## JAS. G. SCOTT, Secretary.

A ballot was then taken for the election of Directors for the ensuing year, and resulted in the return of the following gentlemen, viz. --Messrs, T. LeDroit, Frank Ross, Hon. D. A. Ross, S. Peters, T. A. Piddington, R. <sup>2</sup>. Vallee, M. P., Lt.-Col. M. W. Baby, and the Mayor of Quebec, (ex-Officio)

At a subsequent meeting of the Directors, Messrs T. LeDroit and J. D. Brousseau (Mayor) were elected respectively President and Vice-President for the ensuing.year.

Quebec, 8rd February, 1881.

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