

will but echo that voice when you pronounce your decision that the Northern or Ottawa Railroad should spring from the heart of the city of Montreal.

We have already occupied much of your time, but we sincerely hope that our efforts to parry the blow aimed at this city and our efforts to retain and secure our legitimate rights, will not be unavailing.

We respectfully, but with all the energy we possess, urge upon your worshipful body our claims to justice; we entreat you, as our representatives to look narrowly at our and your own interests, and on all occasions, to direct public improvements and public opinion in the proper direction. In doing so be mindful not to be swayed by feelings of personal and local interests; but on the other hand be watchful that illegitimate and adverse interests do not preponderate over ours.

A few of us have been deputed to make known to you the feelings and ardent wishes of your constituents and fellow citizens; but you also see in and around this Hall men whose white locks have seldom or ever adorned your Chambers; men of younger years and also occupying high positions, for their station and wealth, have also flocked to your halls and now fill them to overflowing zealously watching over their threatened interests and prepared and determined to defend them. You must know and feel that, if on any one occasion, popular opinion unsullied by political animosity was ever manifested in this city, it is this eventful night.

This address already exceeds its intended bounds and we must take our leave of you.

In doing so, we must, in the terms of the petition, call upon you to reject and refuse any aid towards the construction of a Railroad to Bytown whose terminus may not be into the very heart of this City, and tapped at no place in the direction of the State of New York before it reaches this Town. And whilst we make this call upon your worshipful body, the unanimous voice of your fellow citizens and constituents calls loudly upon you