

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT.

To the Mayor and Aldermen.

GENTLEMEN—I received, on the 4th inst., a communication from the Committee of Correspondence, requesting me, in a Supplemental Report to your Board, to state at what sum I have estimated the probable expense of a railroad in the direction suggested by me in my Report, from Portland to the Canada line, near Leach's Stream, taking every thing into consideration, and placing the amount at such a sum, as, from my knowledge of the ground, and of the obstacles to be surmounted, and from my practical acquaintance, I judge would cover the whole expenditure, including the right of way, depots, engines, cars, workshops and other usual appendages necessary for the convenient operation of such a road. They also request me to state my views in regard to the heavy snows in the region through which a railroad from Montreal to Portland must pass; and whether they would or not interpose serious obstacles to the regular and successful operation and use of such a road, in the season of our long winters.

With respect to this latter subject of inquiry, I made it a particular point to inform myself in regard to it. I find that falls of snow are frequent in that region—that the quantity of snow on the ground in the winter season varies from two to three feet in depth; but very seldom