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Ottawa, March 27, 1925.

Dear Mr. Royer:

I have your letter of the 25th, enclosing resolution passed by the 'Chambre de Commerce' of Quebec, respecting a colonization road north-west of Lake St. John. Certainly the settlers in the older parts of Canada are just as entitled to railway accommodation as settlers anywhere else. I may mention, however, there is special danger in pressing colonization railways into wooded districts. Too frequently as a result in Ontario, and, I think, also in Quebec, the destruction by fire of the wood because of railway trains and the carelessness of the settlers has been the cause of more loss than advantage to the country. However, by proper location of the road this perhaps might be avoided.

Yours very truly,

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