



"between this city and Montreal, and the latter to build a
"road between Montreal and Hull, having their points of
"junction in the north eastern end of the City of Montreal;
"and, I may add, that these undertakings between these
"respective Railway Corporations and the Municipalities
"had been solemnly ratified by the Legislature and given
"the force of law."

"Under such circumstances, it is, as I have said, impos-
"sible for the Government to alter the original compact
"between these Corporations and the public, under which
"the aid, to which I have before referred, was promised
"by the Corporation of this city in 1870, and by Montreal
"in 1872, a compact which the Government are now in
"duty bound to carry out."

"I may say, in conclusion, that it is the intention of the
"Government to carry out the original arrangements with
"these Corporations and the public, and to construct its
"line in accordance with them."

I have the honor to be,
Gentlemen,

Your very obedient Servant,

(Signed,)

C. B. DEBOUCHERVILLE.

A Bill intituled "An Act respecting the Quebec, Montreal, Ottawa and Occidental Railway" was brought before Parliament, having for its object, the enforcement of claims by the Government against the several interested municipalities, and your council considering the provisions of the Bill to be injurious to the credit of the municipality of the City of Quebec, as well as unjust, inasmuch as the Government through an engineer would become sole judge as to the fulfilment of the engagements of said municipalities, leaving no recourse to be had to the Courts of Law, deemed it to be their duty to memorialize the Lieutenant-Governor and the Legislative Council praying that they would disallow the said Bill.