

(*Evening Transcript, Tuesday, June 16, 1874.*)

The Proposed Georgian Bay Route to the West.

A company of gentlemen, interested in the proposed route to the West by way of Ottawa and Georgian Bay, met in Corn Exchange Hall yesterday afternoon to hear the report of the committee appointed at the meeting held last week. Mr. John B. Bartlett presided, and Mr. C. C. Coffin was chosen Secretary. Mr. Charles W. Wilder presented the following report :

The undersigned committee, appointed by the public meeting held in the Corn Exchange on Monday, the 11th of June, to examine and report upon the proposed railway presented by Mr. Hibbard, connecting with Ottawa and Georgian Bay, beg leave to report—

First—That we have examined the documents, charter and contract presented by Mr. Hibbard, and find them well planned, with full authority for cementing the line of rail through from Vermont connections to Ottawa.

Second—That the line thus proposed is one of great importance to the interest of this city, and the small amount required from Boston to secure its connection with our own roads, forbids either indifference or delay in its accomplishment.

Third—That the advantages to be derived by our city and port from this connection with the lakes will be great at the outset and beyond present calculation on the completion of the line.

Fourth—That the financial results to those who may be disposed to participate in its construction are promising beyond the majority of railway enterprises by reason of the work already done and the liberal subsidies of the Canadian Government and various municipalities of \$500,000, which would seem to render certain its early completion.

Fifth—That the securities for the moneys invested and the control of the key to the entire line, we deem amply provided for in the plan proposed for subscriptions.

Sixth—That the estimates of cost presented by Charles Legge of Montreal, and the report of W. S. Sneden, of New Jersey, and Edward Appleton, of Boston, Civil Engineers, substantially concur as to the cost of construction.

Respectfully submitted.

CHARLES W. WILDER.
W. L. LINCOLN.
DANIEL W. JOB.

The Report was accepted.

Mr. Edward Kenble made a short speech, in which he favored Mr. Hibbard's project, but took occasion chiefly to criticise Mr. Edward Atkinson, for certain statements made by him at the previous meeting.

Mr. Stone said that having occasion to visit St. Albans a short time ago he had inquired of Governor Smith in regard to the road, and he had confirmed all the favorable statements that had been made, that the worst part of the work had been completed between the St. Lawrence River and Ottawa, and that Mr. Hibbard's plans were correct and trustworthy.

Mr. Hibbard in a few words expressed his thanks to the Commercial Club and Board of Trade, and especially to the Committee, and the meeting then adjourned.