

TRENT VALLEY NAVIGATION

The following circular as to the deputation to Ottawa, on Feb. 5th, in reference to the Trent Valley Navigation, has been sent to the various localities along the route:—

PETERBOROUGH, JAN. 10TH, 1894.

DEAR SIR,—As few, if any, of the friends and advocates of the early completion of the Trent Valley Water Route will question the propriety of a large and representative deputation, as can conveniently be got together, visiting Ottawa for the purpose of impressing upon the Minister of Railways and Canals, and his colleagues, the desirability and importance of their obtaining from Parliament, during the session about to open, the authority necessary to enable them to place under construction during the present year another link in this most important chain of navigation; and as any attempt to consult with those whose sympathy and support entitle their views to the fullest consideration would necessitate a delay which might involve the loss of a whole season, I have, after consulting with some friends here, determined to assume the responsibility of naming Tuesday, Feb. 5th next, as a suitable time for waiting upon the Minister of Railways and Canals, and his colleagues, with reference to this matter and of inviting the Municipalities and persons interested in the early completion of this most important work to join in sending to Ottawa on that day as large and representative a deputation as possible for the purpose already stated.

I trust, in doing so, I need use no argument to impress upon all the importance of each and every one of them (*sans ceremonie*) doing his full duty in this matter at the present time. If the people along the Trent Valley route desire that their past efforts should be crowned with complete success they must keep their shoulders to the wheel—proving their earnestness by their works—and I can conceive of no better way of doing this, in the present case, than by a repetition of the large and influential deputation to whose visit to Ottawa may be largely attributed the fact that we have now in course of construction, and in several instances well advanced towards completion, works which will add materially to the mileage already continuously navigable on this route.

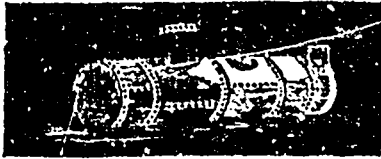
I may add, that with the view of curtailing as much as possible the expenses of those going upon this deputation, I have written Mr. Arthur White, Manager of the Midland division of the Grand Trunk, asking for reduced fares for the members of the deputation over these lines, and should his response be favorable (as I have little doubt it will be) I shall make a similar application to the authorities of the C. P. R. for a similar reduction of that part of the route between Brockville and Ottawa.

In order that I may be able to complete details as they arise, and to communicate with members of the deputation when necessary, it is desirable that I should be informed of their names and post office addresses as soon as possible.

Yours Respectfully,
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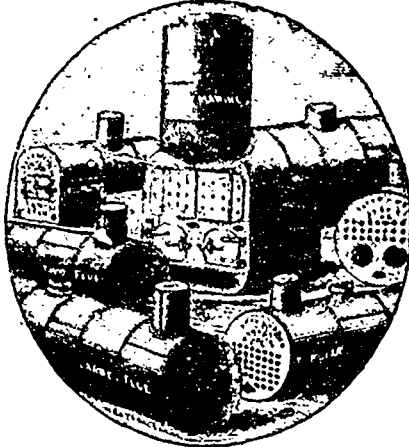
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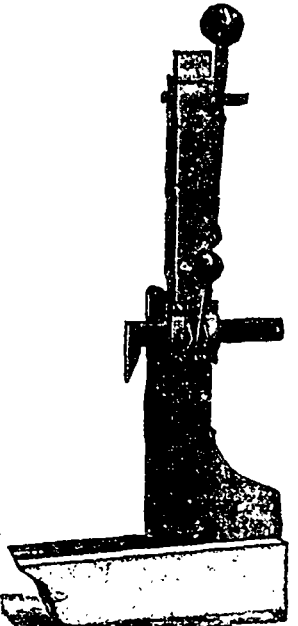
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