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Bridge project, and received from the Minister a copy of the following letter from Colonel Gzowski, dated Dec. 16th, which will be found to describe the present state of the affair fully:

"Sir,—I have made a personal examination of the locality and of the proposed site of the bridge across the St. Lawrence, intended to be constructed by the Coteau and Province Line Railway Company, near Coteau Landing. I was accompanied by Mr. David Stark, C.E. who verified the location survey of the site, selected by the Company. The site of the proposed bridge makes the total length of bridging across the four channels, the first and last being navigable channels, 5,295 feet. The distance across the three islands is 6,300 feet, making the entire distance between the northern and southern banks of the river on the selected site 11,595 feet. The plan and section show a design for a bridge to be built on a low level, 15 feet above ordinary low water with two pivots draws, one in the north steamboat chan-

nel with two openings of twenty-five feet each, the other draw in the south navigable channel being the entrance to the Beauharnois Canal, with two openings of about 50 feet each. I give these details to show how necessary it is to have very full and accurate particulars relating to the construction of the supposed bridge before I can undertake to report, as provided by the Act 42 Vic., chap. 57, and as required by the order of the Honorable the Privy Council on the effect the proposed bridge would have on the navigation of the river St. Lawrence. The information I require is a complete plan of the selected bridge on the selected site, showing the number and dimension of the spans, position, form and size of piers. In the north and south channels, being the navigable channels, I require accurate soundings, showing form of bottom, the exact location and dimensions of the pivot piers. I also need a plan of superstructure, showing the clear width of the roadway, height of trusses in the fixed spans and of each of the draws, the

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mode of opening and closing them, and a little of the strains. All this information is necessary before I can attempt to report on the very important points submitted to me relating to the effect the construction of a bridge on that site would have on the navigation of the River St. Lawrence. I have the honour to be, Sir, your obedient servant. (Signed), C. S. Gzowski."