

TELEGRAPHIC COMMUNICATION WITH THE COAST AND
ISLANDS IN THE GULF AND RIVER ST. LAWRENCE.

Your Council have, from time to time, had this important subject under consideration, and for the last two or three years have taken every opportunity to bring the matter before the commercial community; they have also during the past three years presented the subject to the attention of the Dominion Board of Trade, where it has always received full endorsement; and the Government has been approached on several occasions on the desirability of adopting such a scheme as that proposed by the Honorable P. Fortin.

This subject, which in the opinion of the Council is one of the most important, not only to the City of Quebec, but to the whole Dominion, was prominently treated upon by the Hon. Gentleman, at a public meeting called by this Board, at which the leading commercial men of our City were present.

The details of his scheme, illustrated by a carefully prepared chart, shewing the proposed works, were fully detailed and carefully explained by him. Since then, a pamphlet has appeared, compiled by Dr. Fortin, and issued under the auspices of the Boards of Trade of Montreal and Quebec; containing his very able lecture delivered before the Board, and exhaustive information relative to the cost of the undertaking; the immense advantages to be derived therefrom, and also the opinions entertained by the various Boards of Trade.

The Council do not hesitate in recommending the perusal of this publication to our mercantile community, as it contains all the information required on the subject, and will fully convince them of the paramount benefits which the trade and commerce of the country would derive from having the risks of navigation in the lower St. Lawrence

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