

REPLY.

CHICAGO DAILY TRIBUNE OFFICE,
APRIL 20TH, 1864.

*To the Honorable the Canal Committee,
of the Canadian Parliament.*

GENTLEMEN:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, embracing several queries in relation to the proposed Georgian Bay Canal, of which the following is a copy:

CANADA LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,
COMMITTEE ROOM No. 16,
15TH MARCH, 1864.

SIR:

I beg to inform you that I am instructed by the committee appointed to consider the practicability and propriety of constructing a Ship Canal between the Georgian Bay and Lake Ontario, *via* Lake Simcoe, to transmit you the following queries, to be answered at your earliest convenience:

Question No. 1.—Will you state to the committee your opinion, (1) as to the advantages that would accrue to the North-Western States by the construction of the Toronto and Georgian Bay Ship Canal; (2) the prospects of a remunerative return on the capital expended in its construction, taking the estimates and reports of Messrs. Mason and Tully as the basis, published in 1858; and (3) whether any interest in such a work would be taken by capitalists and merchants in the United States.

Question No. 2.—Also, the advantages, if any, that the Georgian Bay route would possess over others, as to time,