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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,