

Ottawa Grand Junction Railroad Company," empowers the company to extend their line from Lachine to Prescott in Upper Canada, "either in the direction of St. Anns, Vaudreuil, Rigaud and towards Hawkesbury, and thence to some place at or near as conveniently may be to Prescott, or in the direction of St. Eustache, St. Andrews, Grenville and thence to some place at or as conveniently as may be to Prescott,"—but throughout the Act the name of Bytown is not once mentioned or alluded to. Nay, more, they cannot venture to construct a railroad to Bytown, until they apply to, and obtain from the Provincial Legislature a special act for that purpose, they have failed to give the formal notice to that effect.

We both stand before the Province equally denuded of Legislative authority; but in our case the consciousness that we faithfully reflect the sentiments of the Citizens, while we enjoy the confidence and will secure the pecuniary support of the municipality, removes us from the rank of rivals. The directors of this Ottawa Company claim the right of disposing of our interests. As citizens of Montreal we resist these pretensions and repudiate their claims. We demand, that the interests of Montreal shall be paramount to all others.

We invoke you to vindicate her title, and ere it be too late, interpose your authority to stay the policy of diverting the legitimate traffic of the city to the American frontier.

We entreat you immediately to make known to our representatives in the Provincial Parliament the wishes and determination of your and their constituents in this matter, urging them as we now do you, to raise their voice against any further attempt in Parliament to jeopardise our dearest interests.

If we have failed to carry conviction to your breasts, do not distrust the cause we advocate but rather impute its failure to my inability to advocate it as it should be.

The voice of public opinion is never false when calm and unmoved by political passions, and you