

completion of the road, it was deemed advisable to address the authorities, setting forth the disadvantages which would obtain in leasing a line of railway before its working value could be ascertained, and strong representations were made by your Council to that effect ; and they have pleasure in stating, that the action of Government therein, resulted in accordance with the views held by the Council.

INTERCOLONIAL RAILROAD STATION AT CHAUDIÈRE
JUNCTION.

Tenders having been invited for the construction of a combined Passenger Station and Dining Saloon ; and a Shed for transferring freight at the Chaudière Junction, the effect of which, your Council were of opinion, would be damaging to the trade of Quebec, they appointed a deputation, who had an interview with the Hon. H. L. Langevin, M.P. ; after entering fully into the merits of the case, the deputation were assured of the cordial support of the Honorable Minister, and were advised to put themselves in connection with the Levis Board of Trade, with a view to united action. At a later date, a Committee of the two Boards met, and resolved to send a Joint Petition to the Hon. Minister of Railways and Canals, showing that the continuation of the Intercolonial Railway from St. Charles Station *via* Indian Cove to some tide-water point opposite to the City of Quebec, would, when the Harbour Works are completed, make a direct connection with the Quebec, Montreal, Ottawa and Occidental Railroad, and form part of a through line from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and be in the general interest of the whole Dominion ; and praying that the Government may see fit to cause the same to be constructed at an early day. The Government have acknowledged receipt of the Petition, and promised their consideration of the subject.