

Maskinongé and Nipissing Railway.

On the 2nd, June, 1886, the Dominion Parliament of Canada passed an Act incorporating Thomas W. Ferry, James J. White, E. H. Talbott, John H. Verrall and Laurent Grenier, as a company for the construction of the Maskinongé and Nipissing Railway.

ITS LENGTH.

Its length will be about 450 miles.

ITS ROUTE.

Starting from some point on the Canadian Pacific Railway at or near Maskinongé or Louiseville, in the Province of Quebec, to or near the parish of St. Michel-des-Saints, on the River Mattawin, thence to the point of intersection with the Gatineau River, north of Lake Desert, and continuing in a westerly direction until it reaches the line of the Canadian Pacific Railway at or near Lake Nipissing.

ITS PRACTICABILITY.

The Company's engineers have so far carefully surveyed 50 miles of the route, and report that they were able to cross the Laurentian range with comparatively little difficulty.

This railway will open up a country of at least 75 miles wide, on nearly the whole of its length.

There is to the south of the projected line a strip of land having a width of 50 (fifty) miles, with a few isolated settlements, and to the north a width of 25 to 30 miles of lands which can be cultivated to advantage. The only settlements to be found on the latter side are those at the upper end of Lake Temiscamingue.