

# Grand Trunk Railway of Canada.

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## REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT'S SPEECH

AT THE ORDINARY

**Half-yearly General Meeting,**

HELD AT THE CITY TERMINUS HOTEL, CANNON STREET, LONDON,

On THURSDAY, 6th OCTOBER, 1881.

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Sir HENRY W. TYLER, M.P., President of the Company, having taken the chair, and

Mr. J. B. RENTON, the Secretary, having read the notice convening the Meeting,

The PRESIDENT, who was received with cheers, said :

Before proceeding to our ordinary business, I feel constrained, gentlemen, to say a few words to you to-day on a subject in regard to which you will, I know, welcome a few brief remarks. As proprietors in the Grand Trunk Railway Company, we have lines of connection, and we have very large interests and valuable alliances in the United States. It is fitting, therefore, that we should, assembled as we are at our usual half-yearly meeting in considerable numbers, join in sympathy with our friends in America, and with the great American nation, upon an event which has so recently thrown them into mourning and which has stirred up all their and our best and finest feelings. (Applause.) I do not intend to propose any formal resolution for your acceptance, but I am confident that you would wish me, as your chairman, to express what will be your feelings