STATEMENT OF FACTS

LAID BEFORE

THE RAILROAD COMMITTEE OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

TWO QUESTIONS EMBRACE THE WHOLE SUBJECT, VIZ.,

For whom and for what purpose is this grant required?

What are the objections to making such grant?

The fact is established upon the most unquestionable testimony that the Champlain and St. Lawrence Railroad Co. and the Ogdensburgh, Rouse's Point and Boston Railroad Co., in respect to this project, as well as in the pursuit of business generally, form one and the same interest. An attempt has recently been made to present them as rival and conflicting interests before the Canadian Legislature. If any additional evidence beyond the similarity and harmony of testimony, and concert in action by these several Companies before the Legislatures of Vermont and New York, be required in proof of their oneness of interest, it is found in the fact that the largest and most influential stockholder or stock controller in the Champlain and St. Lawrence Railroad Co., and the controlling and influential Director, as well as originator of the Ogdensburgh and Rouse's Point Railroad, and the manager and commanding officer of the Hog's Island, Northfield and Boston Railroad, or the Vermont Central Railroad, are to all intents and purposes, one and the same person.