

On the contrary, I beg to assure the Directors that I feel the greatest desire to see the Contractor succeed fully in his great and responsible undertaking; and to that end, I am prepared, as I always have been, to render him all the assistance in my power, both in season and out of season, so far as I can do so consistently with the paramount duties which I owe to the Railway Company.

I trust that I may be permitted to say further, and in conclusion, that having, at the request of the Railway Company, cast my lot with the people of Canada; and more particularly with the good people of the Province and City of Quebec, in connection with the construction of the North Shore Railway; and having, during the past four years, severed all my business connections elsewhere; and devoted my entire time, and the best energies of my mind, to the resurrection of the enterprise from the oblivion in which it had been buried during the preceding fifteen or twenty years, and placing it upon at least an equal footing with other first-class enterprises of the kind in this or any other country; I shall continue, so long as I am privileged to enjoy the confidence of the Board of Directors, to labor incessantly for its successful accomplishment, even though it should be at the sacrifice of my own personal feelings and interests; and also of every other consideration, except my self-respect, and the good name and reputation which I trust have been secured to me, by a somewhat long and eventful professional life.

Respectfully submitted,

SILAS SEYMOUR,
Engineer-in-Chief.

To the
PRESIDENT AND DIRECTORS
of the North Shore Railway Company.

Quebec, June 14, 1874.

Silas Seymour