

We, the undersigned fully and cordially concur in the request as above made by the Montreal and Western Railway Company, and respectfully recommend it to the favorable consideration of the Government.

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Hon. Sir CHARLES TUPPER, Minister Railways and Canals.

Memorandum.

OTTAWA, 10th May, 1883.

The undersigned has the honor to represent, that under date the 9th instant, application has been made on behalf of the Montreal and Western Railway Company, having in view the grant of assistance by the Dominion Government towards the construction of a line of railway to extend from the Town of St. Jérôme, in the County of Terrebonne, along the Valley of the North River to the Gatineau River, there to tap the Gatineau Railway, and thence westward towards Lake Temiscaming.

That the applicants urge that the country to be traversed by their line is possessed of a rich soil, and is already attracting settlers to a large extent, over 10,000 persons having, it is stated, established themselves there during the past five or six years, while twenty-five townships and parishes have been partly settled; that for the more advanced settlements the nearest station is St. Jérôme, eighty miles distant, and attention is drawn to the successful efforts made to settle, with those who would otherwise have gone to the United States, this fertile territory, and to the advisability of affording railway facilities in support of these efforts, so beneficial to the Dominion. The Company accordingly ask from the Government aid to the extent of \$6,000 a mile for the portion of their proposed road, about 150 miles, extending from St. Jérôme to Notre Dame du Desert, on the Gatineau River.

The undersigned fully recognizing the value of railway enterprise in this district as a means of attracting settlement to a section of country whose importance is growing more and more evident in view of its mining, lumbering and agricultural resources, recommends that Parliament be asked to sanction the grant of a subsidy in aid of the proposed line, to the extent of \$3,200 a mile, for a distance fifty miles westwards from St. Jérôme.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES TUPPER, Minister Railways and Canals.