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determined as yourself, and the Honorable President of the road, Mr. Cauchon ("the Bridge" will also soon become a *fait accompli*.

I have, Sir, advisedly abstained from making any remarks on the respective merits of tubular, suspension, submerged or other bridges, aware that I am addressing one eminently qualified to treat on the whole subject; and I have, therefore, taken the liberty of speaking thus publicly, as your reply (should you honour me with one) will be as interesting to every citizen of Quebec as to

Your obedient servant,

W. MARSDEN, M.A., M.D., &c.

PLACE D'ARMES.

QUEBEC, 19th March, 1872.

GENERAL SEYMOUR'S REPLY.

OFFICE OF THE NORTH-SHORE RAILWAY CO.,

QUEBEC, March 29th, 1872.

W. Marsden, Esq., M. A., M. D., &c.

DEAR SIR—My absence from the city will, I trust, be a sufficient apology for my neglect in acknowledging the receipt of your communication of the 19th instant, in relation to the great importance of the North-Shore Railway, as well as of its unbroken connection at this city with the railway lines now constructed, and to be constructed, upon the opposite side of the St. Lawrence River.

I am now preparing a Report to the Honourable Joseph Cauchon, President of the North-Shore Railway Company, in which I propose to discuss, at some length, the important