
At present there is about five feet of water over the bar at low tide, with a tidal rise of from eight to ten feet. A preliminary survey made by this Company before my connection with it, shows that the railway must be financed with a large reserve for harbor and dock building expenditures, before large ocean steamers can gain suitable access to the railway terminus, but by careful management the coast wise steamer service can be commenced without delay to connect with the Missanabic route whether operated by steamers on the lower river section, or by through trains.

The overshadowing importance of the subject embraced in this communication will I trust be deemed as warranting its length, which is much more than I anticipated at its commencement.

Very respectfully yours,

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P. S.—I enclose two maps which may be of service for reference, and with permission for their use in connection with your Report should you so desire.