

Annual Report of the Council of the Quebec Board of Trade
FOR THE YEAR 1878.

The Council have pleasure in submitting the following Report for the past year:

QUEBEC, MONTREAL, OTTAWA AND OCCIDENTAL RAILWAY.

Every member of this Board will be pleased to see that a connection by rail on this side of the River St. Lawrence, between this city and Ottawa via Montreal, has become an accomplished fact, and that freight and passengers are daily carried on the whole of this line; but this Council hopes that the Ontario Government and people will soon press forward the construction of the line between Ottawa and Toronto, which would bring together the far West, and in closer relations than has ever existed, and prove, we believe, to the mutual advantage of both cities. Shortly after the completion of the road for traffic, your Council being persuaded that it was necessary for the advantage of the line, as well as in the interest of our city, to have a deep-water terminus at the earliest date possible, appointed a deputation to wait upon the Government for the purpose of urging the necessity of a deep-water terminus; and also with the view of ascertaining if the workshops, which formed part of the general contract, would be soon under way.

The deputation was very courteously received by the Premier and his colleagues, who seemed quite prepared to meet them, and the interview was of a satisfactory nature.

Since then the Government have carried out, as far as it is in their power, the extension of the road to deep-water

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