

The President, before presenting the report for adoption, alluded to a few of the subjects contained therein, remarking that the completion of telegraphic communication from Matane to Fox River, was a most important one. From Cape Gaspé to Quebec there would be something like 20 stations, affording an opportunity of reporting the position of a vessel every two hours on her way up the river; it would also be of great importance to Pilots, as well as to the Officials at Rimouski, who would be informed of the approach of the Mail Steamers, and know when to despatch the tender to meet them and thus avoid any chance of delay.

This undertaking, in reality a Dominion work, and for which the Dominion Government had made a grant of fifteen thousand dollars, has always been of deep interest to the Quebec Board of Trade, and they have never failed, as opportunity offered, in using their best endeavors to further the object; and in connection with this scheme, he would mention that he had numerous interviews with Dr. Fortin, whose unremitting endeavors for the promotion of the object had been highly conducive towards its attainment.

He stated that it was gratifying to find that the works under the Harbor Commission were progressing favorably, and that next year would see them almost completed.

In alluding to the action of the Board with reference to the route of the "Quebec, Montreal, Ottawa and Occidental Railway," he desired members to study the report of the Railway Commissioners and judge for themselves the benefits to be derived by the construction of a loop line from Terrebonne to Ste. Thérèse, and he trusted that the incoming Council would devote their attention to the furtherance of this important enterprise, without which the expensive improvements in progress in our Harbor would be comparatively useless.

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