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by the people as a whole. I do not know of any problem so vital to the interests of Canada in which there has been so much acquiescence and so little public discussion and education as the subject of the future of the country's transportation systems.

GIVE ACCURATE DATA RE OPERATIONS.

As a corollary to this, and second only in importance, is the necessity for accurate information as to administration and results of it, in order that the people may be in a position to judge whether they desire to adhere to the methods of administration from which these results flow. I do not mean financial results alone, but results in service, a most important factor from the standpoint of the public.

To my mind the determination of the question will rest upon two factors, the extent of the burden cast upon the people, and the character of the service given. The difference between a proper and an improper system represents the millions of additional burden to the taxpayer which he may be called upon to bear, and the high rates and poor service which are due to the inefficiency which any improper system must inevitably provoke.

DUTIES OF CITIZENSHIP.

I have no doubt as to the transportation future of the principal lines in the province of Quebec, nor have I any doubt as to the future development of the province, rich as it is in natural resources, and only requiring sufficient investigation to warrant the beginning of new enterprises, and the extension of old, in order that its commercial prosperity may be assured. Hand in hand with enterprise and prosperity must go too a greater realization of the duties of citizenship, and an appreciation of the obligations of communities towards those who are sick or in want. Theoretically, this duty devolves upon the municipality whose citizens are affected and practically, it depends, as other questions, upon the direction and support given by the Government to any such movement.

THE CITY OF QUEBEC.

... I presume that you would not want me to sit down without making more than a passing reference to the city of Quebec and its relations to the Canadian Pacific Railway Company—relations which I am happy to say, have been long standing—and

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