

purchase of the road. These other parties had had this subject under consideration a longer time than the Canadian Pacific, and were quite as ready for action. If the committee desired an informal interview with these gentlemen he would try to get them down here. They were at home now, and things seemed very convenient for an interview with the committee. He did not think that a bid would necessarily be accepted because it was made; the city would look it over to see if there was anything they wished to add to it.

Mr. Noyes asked Mr. Putnam how many roads could make connections with the Portland and Ogdensburg for a through road.

Mr. Putnam answered there were but two, the Grand Trunk and the Canadian Pacific. There was a rail connection to-day between here and Suspension Bridge, but New York was practically one hundred and fifty miles nearer this bridge than Portland is.

After one or two minor changes in the phrasing of the order it received a passage.

The committee then adjourned, subject to the call of the chair.