

R E P O R T .

To the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Portland.

GENTLEMEN:—Having been honored by you, on the 21st October last, with the appointment to make a reconnaissance to ascertain the practicability of a railroad route from this city to the Canada Line, to connect with a route from the Boundary to Montreal ; in which project our citizens generally have expressed such a lively interest, as promotive of the permanent prosperity not only of this city, but of our whole State, I without any loss of time commenced the examination, on the 23d of the same month. The season had already too far advanced to make a minute examination of the whole distance, before winter should set in, and as it was desirable that as much information as possible should be obtained before the assembling of the Legislature, that, if the project was feasible, a charter might be obtained, and other preliminary steps taken, so as to insure the earliest possible success of the enterprise, in accordance with your suggestions, and those of other gentlemen interested, I proceeded at once to the interior to examine the more difficult parts of the route, through the forests, among the highlands, trusting to the general information I had already acquired of the intermediate distance and such as I could cursorily obtain,