

after completion, and can be completed in a short time at comparatively slight cost, is it worth making an effort to obtain? Would such a feeder and alternative through route tend to increase the commerce of Montreal and Quebec and to benefit the great St. Lawrence waterway? Are its prospective effects in developing new territory and increasing production and national wealth, worth trying to secure?

I trust you will favor me in a few words with your impression of the enterprise. I take this means of addressing you being desirous of obtaining at first hand the views of practical and prominent business men.

Whether you agree with me as to the importance of this waterway or not, I hope to have an immediate reply.

Respectfully yours,

*J. W. Lewis Stewart*  
*Chairman of Committee*

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