

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF TRADE,

Montreal, 10th October, 1848.

SIR,—I have the honor to acknowledge your letter of the 2nd inst., requesting an expression of the opinion of this Board as to the bridging Lake Champlain at Rousse's Point, and the probability of a Canal being constructed to connect the Rivers Richelieu and St. Lawrence, also as to the Provincial importance of such a work.

In reply, I am to say the Board consider such a Canal would prove of the very highest importance to Canada, and that they entertain a confident hope it will be constructed at no distant day; but as regards the bridge, they believe it must necessarily become a great impediment to the navigation on that line.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient humble servant,

FREDERICK WILLSON,

Secretary.

