

AN ACCOUNT  
OF THE  
**Saint Andrews and Quebec Railway,**  
THE ORIGINAL INTERCOLONIAL RAILWAY,

*From its First Inception in 1835.*

**FIRST PERIOD FROM 1835 TO 1845.**

On the 5th day of October, in the year 1835, a meeting was convened of a number of the inhabitants of the Town of Saint Andrews, in the County of Charlotte, Province of New Brunswick, for the purpose of forming themselves into an Association under the appellation of the "Saint Andrews and Quebec Railroad Association," having in view the desirable object of giving publicity to the practicability and desirability of constructing a Railroad between the town of Saint Andrews and the City of Quebec in Lower Canada.

Being then convinced of the commercial importance of such an undertaking, by which a direct communication would be formed between Canada and the Lower Provinces, a conviction somewhat strengthened by the published opinion of an English writer, which appeared in the "United Service Journal" at some prior time, over the signature of Henry Fairbairn, resolutions were proposed and unanimously agreed to, at this their first memorable meeting. They were to the following effect:

That a Railroad from Canada to the nearest winter port in New Brunswick, viz., Saint Andrews, would be of great national importance to the interests of British North America, and its trade and commerce generally.

That the proposed route from Saint Andrews to Quebec, from all reliable information, is the best in all respects that can be projected.

That the traffic arising from all sorts of merchandize and passengers, &c., would be commensurate to the cost of such an undertaking, and would fully justify its construction.

That an Association be therefore formed to promote the object of building a Railroad from Saint Andrews to Quebec.

The Association was thereupon organized by the following appointments:—Hon. James Allanshaw, Chairman; Thos. Wyer, Esq., Deputy Chairman; Harris Hatch, John Wilson, James Rait, Samuel Frye, J. McMaster, Esqrs., Committee of