

Report of Meeting held on 3rd October, 1849.

At a Meeting held at McARTHUR'S Hotel, agreeably with previous notice, on Wednesday the 3rd inst., JOHN MCKINNON, Esq., was called to the Chair, and FRANCIS CLEMOW, Esq., was requested to act as Secretary. The Chairman then explained the objects of the Meeting, when it was

Moved by John Scott, Esq., Seconded by Charles Sparrow, Esq.,

That this Meeting, representing as it does, the Lumber Trade of the Ottawa, takes a lively interest in the proposed Canal between the St. Lawrence and Lake Champlain; and as the question of route would be of the most vital consequence to the Staple trade of the valley of the Ottawa, this Meeting deems it important to gather from all reliable sources, such statistical statements as will show Directors and Stockholders the extent of the Ottawa Lumber trade, and the importance of such trade to the Canal in question.---Carried unanimously.

Moved by W. F. Powell, Esq., Seconded by A. R. McDonell, Esq.,

That a Committee be formed for the purpose of carrying out the foregoing resolution, and reporting thereon to a Public Meeting to be held on Wednesday the 9th inst., at McArthur's Hotel, and that said Committee be composed of the following Gentlemen: The Chairman and Secretary, the Hon. T. McKay, the Hon. Hamnett Pinhey, Joseph Aumond, John Egan, M.P., Jno. Thomson, Wm. Stewart, F. Bearman, John Scott, M.P. E. Malloch, M.P., and G. B. Lyon, M.P., Esquires, any five of whom shall form a quorum.---Carried unanimously.

Moved by H. J. Friel, Esq., Seconded by F. Bearman, Esq.,

That this Meeting, while they are extremely anxious to avoid any premature expression upon the respective merits of the different routes proposed, nevertheless, are decidedly of the opinion that any route connecting Lake St. Louis directly with Lake Champlain, would possess far superior advantages for the Ottawa trade, to any other that has been proposed; and further, that any other route would not, in the opinion of this Meeting, possess any advantages superior to the present one, by Sorel and Chambly.---Carried unanimously.

Moved by A. Gibb, Esq., Seconded by C. Sparrow, Esq.,

That J. McKinnon, Esq., do leave the Chair, and that A. R. McDonell, Esq., do take the same ---Carried.

Moved by W. F. Powell, Esq., Seconded by A. Gibb, Esq.,

That the thanks of this Meeting be given to the Chairman for his able conduct in the Chair.---Carried.

JOHN MACKINNON,
Chairman.

FRANCIS CLEMOW,
Secretary.

By Town, 3rd October, 1849.