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We will also be obliged if you state in your reply to this if any enquiry was made from Ottawa as to the goodness of the cheque and what steps you took to correct the error, and oblige,

E. S. CLOUSTON, Esq., Manager.

Your obedient servants,  
McDONALD & CHARLEBOIS.

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MONTREAL, 23rd February, 1882.

GENTLEMEN,—In reply to your letter of this date concerning the cheque of \$20,000, accepted by us on the 24th ult., for your use in connection with your tender to the Government for railway work, I beg to say that the limit of two days only was unintentional and was simply an oversight, that this was not at once struck out. It was certainly our intention to guarantee the cheque until paid. On discovery of the flaw on the 6th instant our Ottawa manager wired us of it, and I replied requesting him to strike out the objectionable words, and saying the cheque would be good until paid; to which he replied by letter of same date: "Your reply to strike out restriction clause as stamped, and the cheque will be good until paid, is satisfactory to the Department."

Yours truly,

E. S. CLOUSTON, *Manager*.

Messrs. McDONALD & CHARLEBOIS, Montreal.