

*Whereas*, The exceedingly great assistance given to the company in their undertaking by the Government and Parliament of Canada, make it evident that the company in constructing and completing their road, are doing a work which is regarded as a great public necessity, and which would have been done by the Government had no company been found able and willing to undertake it ; and

*Whereas*, the refusal of the Government and Parliament of Canada to allow an intermediate link of the great inter-oceanic highway to be located even temporarily in a foreign country, indicated a fixed determination that the Canadian Pacific Railway should be in all its parts a purely Canadian work ; and

*Whereas*, The location of the Atlantic winter terminus of the railway in United States territory would derogate much more from the national character of the work than the utilization, for temporary purposes, of the American lines south of Lake Superior between Sault Sainte Marie and Manitoba ; and

*Whereas*, The Lower Provinces, whose people have contributed largely towards the construction of the Canadian Pacific Railway, are entitled to derive therefrom the comparatively slight advantage of having its winter terminus situated within their territory ;

*Therefore Resolved*, That in the opinion of the Council the projected location of the Atlantic winter terminus of the Canadian Pacific Railway at a foreign port would be a direct violation of the principles enunciated and acted upon by the Government and Parliament with respect to the road around Lake Superior, and an irreparable injury to the people of the Lower Provinces, and that it is the imperative duty of the Government of Canada to take such steps as may be found necessary to secure the location of the eastern winter terminus of our great inter-oceanic railway at a harbor within our borders.

*Resolved*, That copies of the foregoing resolutions be forwarded by the City Clerk to the members of the Senate and Commons from Quebec and the three Maritime Provinces, to the members of the Legislature of the said four Provinces, to the Mayors of Quebec, St. John, Fredericton and Charlottetown, and to such other Mayors, Wardens or other persons as shall be thought advisable.

Passed unanimously.

These Resolutions were unanimously passed at a very influential meeting of our leading citizens and merchants, and a strong feeling existed that this Council should use every effort in their power to press upon the Federal Government the necessity, as well as the right, to have the Terminus of the Canada Pacific Railway located within the Maritime Provinces.

Your Committee would therefore recommend to this Council the resolutions passed at that meeting for their adoption, and that every effort should be made to carry out the object this and the Quebec Council have in view.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

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*Chairman.*