

you ought not to hesitate in assuming the service for the Company, and chartering the requisite vessels until the route is firmly established.

This all important point being provided for, you can proceed with confidence to advertise your line through the length and breadth of this Continent; from New Orleans to Lake Superior—and from Lake Superior to Quebec—to Boston—to New York—and to Philadelphia, to make contracts for freight, and in short, to make your road one of the most profitable and popular in America—thereby realizing for Toronto and this Isthmus, (by spanning which with only 93 miles of Railway you will unite in a direct line all the navigable waters of the West with the St. Lawrence, the Atlantic Ocean, and every direct avenue to the great cities of the United States on the seaboard)—the position assigned to it by Mr. Andrews in his Report to the Senate of the United States on the “*Colonial and Lake Trade.*” As “the ‘*Portage*’ or ‘*Stepping Stone*’ between the commercial and manufacturing States on the Atlantic, and the agricultural and mineral ones of the North West; as illustrated by the Welland Canal, the Great Western and the Ontario and Huron Railways.”

I have the honor to be,
Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

A. BRUNEL,

Superintendent.