

PROSPECTUS

OF THE

MONTREAL AND BYTOWN RAILROAD.

TO THE CITIZENS OF THE TOWNS AND COUNTIES INTERESTED IN THE MONTREAL AND BYTOWN RAILROAD.

The period has at length arrived, when we can present you with a narrative of our proceedings, and a review of those material elements of wealth which must contribute to raise this road to high importance as a commercial speculation.

In addressing you upon the present occasion, we feel that our language will be carried not only throughout your country, but across the Atlantic, to counsel, instruct and guide parties seeking profitable investments in Canada. We are therefore not insensible to the responsibilities of our position, but as practical men, familiar with this country—witnesses of its rapid growth—and believers in its future grandeur; we feel justified in speaking in terms of confidence, when dilating, upon the prospective results of this enterprise—more especially, as we can appeal to the important financial fact, that Municipal Councils, have already manifested their disposition to pledge their credit to promote the work. We are thus removed from the temptation of over-colouring our statements, and limit our report to a recapitulation of the sources from whence income would be derived—the forms the traffic would assume—the territory