

Your Petitioners would, therefore, humbly pray that a sufficient sum be granted to the Ontario and Sault Ste Marie Railway Company to secure the construction of their line to connect with the Canadian Pacific Railway at Spanish River, and that all connecting Railways be granted equal running powers and traffic facilities over the subsidized Railway;

And your Petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

JAMES W. KNOWLSON, *Clerk.*

J. C. TAYLOR, *Mayor.*

LINDSAY, Ont., passed in Council this 27th day of April, 1882.

BELLEVILLE, ONT., 1st May, 1882.

SIR,—Enclosed, find Petition for presentation to the Governor General in Council, re Ontario and Sault Ste Marie Railway. Will you kindly have it soon presented and give it your support.

Your obedient servant,

Hon. Mr. BOWELL.

L. H. HENDERSON.

*To His Excellency The Right Honorable Sir John Douglas Sutherland Campbell, Marquis of Lorne, one of Her Majesty's Privy Council, Knight of the Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle, Governor General of the Dominion of Canada, &c., &c., &c., in Council :*

The Petition of the Corporation of the City of Belleville,—HUMBLY SHOWETH:—

1. That the interests of the Province of Ontario require that her system of Railways should be connected with the Canadian Pacific Railway by the shortest and most direct route, and in view of the proposed change, recently announced, in the location or line of the Canadian Pacific Railway by deflecting westerly from Callander to the shores of the Georgian Bay, crossing Spanish River, your Petitioners desire to express their opinion that the best and most desirable point for such connection, and one which will best serve the interests of Ontario, is where the Canadian Pacific Railway will cross said Spanish River and not at Callander;

2. That it is of the utmost importance, in the interest of the Province of Ontario and of this section in particular, that the Ontario and Sault Ste. Marie Railway should be at once constructed, which will give to Ontario the shortest and most direct communication with the Great North-West by the Canadian Pacific Railway, and also with the Northern Pacific Railway at the Sault Ste. Marie, and thus make Belleville an important terminal point at the head of river and barge navigation;

Your Petitioners, therefore, pray that Your Excellency in Council will be pleased to grant such aid by way of subsidy as will ensure the early and rapid construction of the said The Ontario and Sault Ste. Marie Railway;

And Your Petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray, &c.

D. B. ROBERTSON, *City Clerk.*

NELSON LINGHAM, *Mayor.* [L.S.]

*To His Excellency the Right Honorable the Marquis of Lorne, Governor General of Canada, in Council :*

The Petition of the Municipal Council of the Town of Lindsay,—HUMBLY SHOWETH:—

That it is of the highest importance to the commercial and manufacturing interests of the Town of Lindsay and surrounding country that the most direct access should be obtained for the Ontario system of Railways to the Canadian Pacific Railway, and in view of the change of the route of the latter, by which it is brought down the valley of the Spanish River to the shores of the Georgian Bay, it is clearly desirable to form the Ontario connection by a line passing to the southwest of Lake Nipissing as is proposed by the Ontario and Sault Ste. Marie Railway Company;