

phical description of Canada in 1815, under the circumstances and in the manner <sup>Vide Appen-</sup>  
 set forth in and by Journals of the House of Assembly of Lower Canada, and that  
 they would further graciously award and grant such additional compensation for  
 and on account of the deferred payment of the said sum of £1,000, as might  
 appear consistent with the principle of right, justice, and equity.

That the Hon. Member for Gaspé, who presented the said Petition in the  
 Legislative Assembly of Quebec, having moved for a reference of the Petition to  
 a special Committee, the Hon. Member for the County of Quebec, who is at the  
 head of the Provincial Administration of that Province rose, and after dwelling  
 in most eulogistic terms on the public works of the said late Joseph Bouchette,  
 and on their usefulness to the country, and whilst fully admitting and recognizing  
 the validity of the claim preferred by the Petitioners, he informed the House  
 that in his opinion that claim should be preferred before the House of Commons  
 of Canada, inasmuch as Upper Canada having shared in the assets to the credit  
 of Lower Canada at the time of the Union (in 1841), that Province—now the  
 Province of Ontario—should pay its proportion of this debt, through the inter-  
 vention of the Federal Government—whereupon the said motion for the reference  
 of the said Petition to a special Committee was, at the suggestion of the Hon.  
 Member at the head of the Provincial Government, withdrawn.

Wherefore your Petitioners, yielding to the views expressed in the Legislative  
 Assembly of the Province of Quebec, humbly approach *Your Excellency*  
 and invoke the intervention of the Federal Parliament of the Dominion as the  
 highest tribunal to which an appeal can be made for the adjustment and liquida-  
 tion of a claim of acknowledged justice and validity as hereinabove disclosed;  
 and strong in the conviction that the public works of the late Joseph Bouchette—  
 (not those only of the year 1815, upon which is based the special claim referred  
 to, but his still more extended works of 1831)—are not of a merely Provincial but  
 are in truth of a national character, embracing the delineation and topography  
 of the Provinces at large which now compose the Dominion of Canada, and  
 believing that his labours have largely contributed to disseminate abroad a  
 knowledge of the wealth and resources of the B. N. A. possessions, and have been  
 the basis of the present advanced state of geographical and topographical science  
 and art in Canada, your Petitioners humbly pray that *Your Excellency*  
 will in *Your* justice, liberality, and wisdom, be pleased to grant and confirm  
 to them as the heirs and representatives of the said late Joseph Bouchette, the  
 said sum of £1,000, together with such further sum, by way of compensation for  
 deferred payment, as may comport with the principles of right and equity.

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

*John L. Bouchette*  
 for himself and on the behalf of  
 Louis L. Bouchette and  
 J. L. M. Bouchette; and also of  
 Francis Baines Bouchette &  
 Constance Hodgkiss representing  
 their late Father John L. Bouchette  
 late N. M. 68<sup>th</sup> Light Infantry

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