

Here is the letter of Mr. Stephen :

"Ottawa, 23rd Feb. 1884.

"DEAR SIR HECTOR LANGEVIN,

"Referring to our conversation of this morning I desire to repeat what I stated to Mr. Pope on Tuesday last, as indicating the views of the Canadian Pacific Railway Co., on the question of making use of Quebec as its summer port of terminus.

"The Company have always sought to reach Quebec, in which you have always concurred and cooperated with them; and, as you are aware, they offered to purchase the entire line of the Quebec, Montreal, Ottawa and Occidental Railway, upon terms which, on the whole, have been more advantageous to the province than those which were accepted. When we purchased the western section of that Railway, we did not lose sight of the advantage of having a summer outlet for our traffic at Quebec; and in the agreement for that purchase we made elaborate stipulations for securing the carriage of the through traffic of the Pacific Company to the port of Quebec. In this object we have been defeated by the transfer of the Eastern section to the Grand Trunk Railway Co. which practically renders our arrangement unavailing.

"The Company however still entertains the same desire to reach Quebec; and I informed Mr. Pope on Tuesday, that the statement of Mr. Van Horne that we are willing to acquire the North Shore Railway is perfectly correct. And that, if in order to do so, it should be expedient to buy that Company's bonds, this Company is prepared to acquire them, as a part of the transaction; and having learned through you on Friday that Mr. Sénécal was in town, and desired to see me on the subject, I should have made a similar statement to him, if I had met him at the Russell House, where we were both staying.

"I have the honor to be,

"Dear Sir Hector Langevin,

"Very sincerely yours,

"GEORGE STEPHEN."

Your humble servant,

(Signed,)

SIR HECTOR L. LANGEVIN.

L. A. SENECAI, Montreal,