

than two hours, to go from the northern Seigniories and the townships of Abercrombie, Morin, Beresford, and Wexford.

I say more, these products might be taken directly to the very markets and wharves of the city of Montreal, by continuing the rails along Craig street, the Hay Market, McGill street, and also Commissioners street.

As to another question which has been submitted to me, if it was to my knowledge that there were any obstacles to overcome in going directly from Lachine across the Island of Montreal? As Deputy Grand Voyer for this County, I have traversed the Island of Montreal in every direction, and I am perfectly acquainted with its topography.

It would be an error to believe that it offers a perfectly smooth surface. I do not pretend to make any mention of the Mountain of Montreal as its existence is known to every individual in the Island, but to the other parts of that Island. I think it is impossible to lay a Rail Road from the village of Lachine to the extreme point opposite Isle Bizard, without being obliged to overcome similar difficulties to those which offer themselves to reach Craig street by the Coteau St. Louis.

If any doubt should arise as to the conclusiveness to which I point, I invite any one to go to the spot between the 15th of April and the 15th of May now next, *during the spring floods*, and visit the lands which divide the limits of the village of Lachine up to the summit of Cote St Remi, or *les Sources*, or merely examine the farms of Jean Bt. Meloche, Jean Bt. Dumouchel, and Jean Bt. Descarrie, in front of the Isle Dorval. They will return convinced of the truth of my statement.

Difficulties almost analogous to those pointed out present themselves to reach the road of the Cote Sarraguay, in the Parish of St. Genevieve. I must however add, with reference to these difficulties that, like those which present themselves by a line leading to the heart of the city of Montreal, they can all be easily overcome.

Another difficulty, of which the problem is not as easily solved, is the erection of the two bridges,