

The Ottawa and Gatineau Valley, and Ottawa Colonization Railways.

HOUSE OF COMMONS, 28th March, 1883.

To Hon. Sir Charles Tupper, K.C.M.G., C.B., Minister Railways and Canals.

SIR,—The undersigned would respectfully represent, that at the close of the last Parliament they presented a Memorial to the Government signed by nearly fifty members of Parliament, praying that the Gatineau Valley Railroad and its Mineral Branch (127 miles in length) might be placed in the same position as the Gravenhurst and Lake St. John Roads and receive a subsidy from the Dominion Government.

They also pointed out that the construction of this Railroad would prove a great advantage to the Dominion generally, and the Province of Quebec in particular, and that it would prove a most valuable feeder to the Pacific and Quebec system of Railways. That it would develop the agricultural, mineral and lumber sources of an immense region. That it would open up a large tract of most fertile land to the South-west, and for a hundred miles would pass through a country inhabited by a most active and intelligent people. They would also state, that while they approve most heartily of the subsidies granted in aid of the Railway systems of other parts of the Dominion, they trust that the same consideration may be given to the Gatineau system of Railways. Under these circumstances they would most respectfully urge that a subsidy, at least of \$6,000 per mile, should be granted to aid in the construction of the Gatineau Railway and its Mineral Branch, 127 miles. They would also state that Charters have been granted, a Company formed, Surveys made, and every necessary preliminary step taken for the construction of this important work, 127 miles in length.

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John Haggart,
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Joseph Tassé,
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Dalton McCarthy,
Hector Cameron,
John White,
J. J. Hawkins,
J. G. H. Bergeron,
J. J. Curran,
Lewis Wigle,
&c., &c.

Moved by Alderman Cox, seconded by Alderman Cunningham:

"That this Council, satisfied that the projected Ottawa and Gatineau Valley Railway system will develop vast resources to the north of the Capital, and prove a boon to this district, eventually becoming a potent link in the chain of railways, embracing the Pacific, Intercolonial and Ontario system, would urge upon the Hon. the Minister of Railways the great public importance of the enterprise."

"Resolved that this Council desires to impress upon the Government, through the Hon. the Minister of Railways, the advantages of this project from a Dominion