

The Chairman opened the proceedings by reading the advertisement in the *Morning Chronicle*, calling the meeting.

The Secretary then read the following Annual Report :

The Council beg to submit the following Report for the past year :

COMPLETION OF LINE OF ELECTRIC TELEGRAPH ON THE SOUTH SHORE OF THE RIVER ST. LAWRENCE.

The completion of the connecting link between Matane and Fox River, has occupied the earnest attention of your Council ; in reply to their petition, the Government have expressed their willingness to grant a subsidy of \$1000 towards the project, and the Montreal Telegraph Company has been communicated with, and is ready to construct the line, on receiving a guarantee of \$500 per annum for ten years, for maintenance, in addition to the subsidy named.

Your Council has again brought the subject before the Government for reconsideration, and praying that they will render the additional aid required by the Company.

TELEGRAPHIC COMMUNICATION WITH THE NORTH SHORE AND ISLANDS OF THE GULF OF ST. LAWRENCE.

In reply to a representation to the Honble the Minister of Marine and Fisheries by their predecessors in office, the Council were informed that the question of telegraphic communication via Cable from Cap Chatte to Point des Monts, and thence along the North Shore to the Straits of Belleisle ; as well as that of providing a Reserve Light Ship with steam power, which, in the event of accident to those in use, would prove of great service in the protection of navigation in the St. Lawrence ; that the subject would receive consideration.

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