

Reason Thirteen

Because the district through which this water-way passes, and to the further development of which its early completion is of such vital importance, already contains a population in excess of that of some of the Provinces of the Dominion that have and are contributing to the carrying out of undertakings which are of little direct or indirect benefit to them. The people of Midland—Ontario, have long enough been ground down by freight rates far in excess of those enjoyed by those at much greater distance from their common market. To them the building of railways and canals have thus far only meant increased taxation, and increased competition.

Reason Fourteen

Because before this water route can be completed from end to end for traffic **ALL THE ROUTES** now under way **WILL BE REQUIRED** for the transportation of the rapidly growing trade of the West.

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