

*To His Excellency the Right Honorable Sir John Douglas Sutherland Campbell, etc., etc., etc., Governor General of Canada and Vice-Admiral of the same in Council Assembled.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY :

The Petition of the Corporation of the City of St. Catharines, Ontario,—HUMBLY SHOWETH :

That it is of the highest importance to the commercial and manufacturing interests of Ontario that our railway systems should have the shortest and most direct connection with the Canadian Pacific Railway ;

That it is of vital importance to the manufacturers located along the line of the Welland Canal to have a short and direct railway connection for transshipping their products to the great North-West ;

That St. Catharines being alive to the importance of participation in the trade of the North-West, has recently voted a loan of eighty thousand dollars (\$80,000) to aid the construction of the St. Catharines and Niagara Central Railway ;

That the said St. Catharines and Niagara Central Railway Company seek connection with the Canadian Pacific Railway by a line passing to the south and west of Lake Nipissing as being the shortest and most direct ;

Therefore your Petitioners pray the Dominion Government to grant a cash subsidy to secure the immediate construction of such a line and upon such conditions as shall afford equal traffic facilities to connecting lines ;

And as in duty bound your Petitioners will ever pray.

J. ROLLISON, C.C.

P. LARKIN, Mayor. [L.S.]

*To the Honorable the House of Commons of the Dominion of Canada, in Parliament Assembled :*

The Petition of the Municipal Council of the Village of Bracebridge, in the District of Muskoka, in the Province of Ontario,—RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH:—

That a Railway from a point at or near the Village of Gravenhurst, in the District of Muskoka, to connect with the Canadian Pacific Railway at some point near Lake Nipissing, so as to connect the Ontario Railways with the Canadian Pacific Railway, will materially advance the interests, and be of great service to a large portion of the people of the Province of Ontario ;

That we believe, if your Honorable House will render some assistance towards building such Railway to the Ontario and Sault Ste. Marie Railway Company, they will immediately proceed to construct and build such road ;

Your Petitioners therefore pray that your Honorable House will be pleased, during the present Session, to render such aid to the Ontario and Sault Ste Marie Railway Company, to construct and build their said Railway as in your wisdom you may deem meet ;

And your Petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

JAMES BOYER, Village Clerk.

J. W. DILL, Reeve.

*To the Honorable the House of Commons of the Dominion of Canada, in Parliament Assembled :*

The Petition of the Municipal Council of the Town of Lindsay,—HUMBLY SHOWETH :

That it is of the highest importance to the commercial and manufacturing interests of the Town of Lindsay and surrounding country, that the most direct access should be obtained for the Ontario system of Railways to the Canadian Pacific Railway, and that in view of the change of the route of the latter by which it is brought down the valley of the Spanish River to the shores of the Georgian Bay, it is clearly desirable to form the Ontario connection by a line passing to the southwest of Lake Nipissing, as is proposed by the Ontario and Sault Ste Marie Railway Company ;