

# ADDRESS

TO

HENRY RUTTAN, ESQ., SHERIFF,

ON THE

SUCCESS OF HIS VENTILATION FOR RAILWAY CARS.

SIR—  
We, the undersigned, deputed by the passengers of your ventilated car from Montreal to Toronto on Friday last, to present a congratulatory address to you upon the complete success of your winter Ventilation for Railway Cars, beg leave now to do so, and to say that we but reiterate the sentiment universally entertained by the passengers in your car, that, so far as their experience goes, the operation is perfect.

It is fitting that we should state that every seat and available space, including the passages, was occupied, and that, notwithstanding all the windows and doors were closed, we could detect no difference between the air inside and outside the car, except in the temperature, which temperature appeared to be equal throughout the vehicle: Of the warmth imparted to the feet mentioned in your printed "Notice to the passengers," we had full proof from the ladies coming in from the other cars with cold feet.

Our curiosity being excited, we tested the difference between your car and others in the train, and found this so palpable that none could fail to observe it.

In conclusion, we have no hesitation in allowing you to make public use of this document, and in anticipation of this, we state it as our opinion, that any Railway Company adopting your ventilation will not only *save*, but richly merit, the universal approval of the travelling public.

MALCOLM CAMERON,  
THOMAS SCOTT,  
ASA A. BURNHAM,  
JOHN C. BOSWELL.

*Committee.*

November, 17, 1856.

The following are the names of the passengers so far as, from the crowded state of the car, they could be obtained:

Thomas Hancock, Boston, Mass.  
Joseph Brooks, Gen. Agent, G. T. R., Boston  
John O. Macrae, Hamilton  
Wm. H. Eakins, Vienna  
S. Peters, C. E. and Architect, London  
Mr. Eakins, Vienna  
Mr. Hall, Springfield Mass  
C. S. Bates, Bowmanville

James Bates, Bowmanville  
Mr. Cottingham, Metcalfe  
J. Fergusson, London  
James P. Henry, Oshawa  
Francis Garfeet, Whitby  
R. H. Smith, Collingwood  
Mr. Walter Macrae, Barrister, Chatham  
Mr. Hunt, Windsor.  
Mr. Glendinning, Chatham  
John Moore, Oakville  
John Chisholm, Owen Sound  
John Miller, do.  
Dr. Ayers, (of the *Boston Traveller*, Boston)  
Henry Spohn, Guelph  
John Wilson, *Councilman*, Toronto  
William Bunton, Wellington Square  
Thomas Baxter, do.  
John Waldie, do.  
John C. Boswell, Cobourg  
Hon. Malcolm Cameron, Port Sarnia  
Asa A. Burnham, Cobourg  
Thomas Scott, do.  
J. C. McGran, do.  
Nelson Laycock, Woodstock  
I. F. Patterson, Streetsville  
James Fraser, Toronto  
A. Sawers, Editor *Examiner*, Peterboro'  
And 23 ladies.

## REPLY:

To the HON. MALCOLM CAMERON, THOMAS SCOTT, ASA A. BURNHAM, and JOHN C. BOSWELL, Esquires, Committee, &c. &c. GENTLEMEN,—

Whilst I feel much obliged for the trouble, under the circumstances, which you must have taken in getting up this address to me, and fully appreciate the interest you manifest on behalf of the public, in your desire that your testimonial should be published, I, yet, fear that, although I have done what no man before me has ever yet accomplished—ensured passengers in a Railroad car perfect freedom from dust and cinders in summer, and from cold in *any part* of it in winter, as well as a thorough ventilation in both cases—little or no public benefit will accrue so long as that public do not *demand* an amelioration in their condition in these respects.

The whole matter must therefore be left in the hands of the *press* as the true exponent of public opinion.

I am, Gentleman,

Your obedient servant,

H. RUTTAN

Cobourg, Dec. 20th 1856.