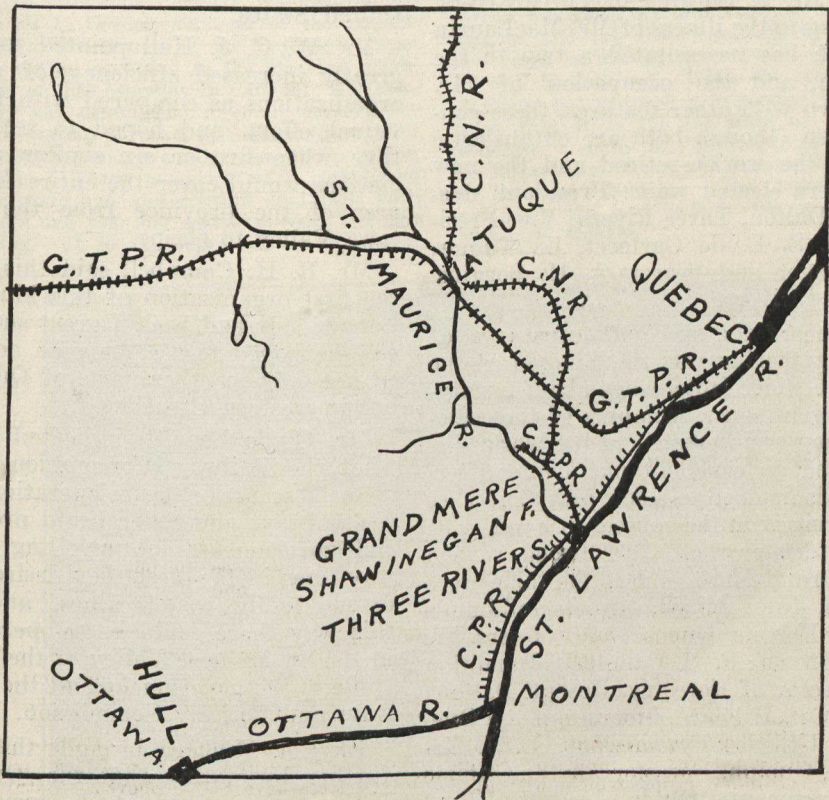


# St. Maurice Valley Forest Protective Association

The most hopeful step taken for many years in Canada.

One of the most significant gatherings ever held in Montreal was the annual meeting of the St. Maurice Forest Protective Association held at the Place Viger Hotel on February 14. This organization, which is just one year old, marks the beginning of a new era in forest protection. Hitherto the matter of protecting the forests has been one between the individual limit holder and the government. In this field the advantages of co-operation are very great, but until the formation of the St. Maurice Association every lumberman battled with the fires on his own limits as best

he could. A year ago the limit holders in this valley seeing the waste and inefficiency of individual effort got together and formed an association. They appointed a general manager who took charge of all the fire rangers and directed them as one army, posting every man where he could be of the greatest advantage. The Association which controls an area one hundred and sixty miles long with an average width of one hundred miles, embracing in all seven million acres, taxed itself one quaretr of a cent per acre, and to the \$17,500 thus raised the government of Quebec added \$3,-



Map showing location of St. Maurice Valley, Quebec.