

A Water Route to Hudson Bay.

Representative McCleary, of Minnesota, who is a member of the committee on railways and canals, at Washington, has laid the foundation of a scheme to connect the Gulf of Mexico with the Hudson bay. This is a project which has caused more or less discussion in the west, and surveys for other purposes have been used for making computations as to the feasibility of the plan. Mr. McCleary now proposes that the United States government shall in conjunction with the Canadian government make a preliminary survey to ascertain whether in the first place the scheme is feasible, and if so what the probable cost will be. Mr. McCleary's plan is to have the survey made by way of the Minnesota river, whose head waters and those of the Red river of the north nearly join through the Big Stone and Traverse lakes. He says that in high water boats of considerable size have crossed from one lake to the other, and it would not require a very large canal to connect the waters of the Red and Minnesota. While the difficulty of connecting the Red and Minnesota rivers is not great, it is claimed that the rapids in the Red river, near Winnipeg, have always discouraged the Canadian government from the undertaking. Now that a proposition has been agreed to by the committee on railways and canals to survey a canal to connect the Ohio with the great lakes and another has been favorably talked of to survey a canal connecting the great lakes and the Hudson river, he thinks that it is but just that another project of interest to the west shall be considered and he will urge it before the committee.

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