

MESSRS. YOUNG AND KILLALY, *Commissioners of Public Works*, 1851.

We beg to point out to Your Excellency that until this work is completed, our canals will fail to compete successfully with the Erie canal and the railroads of New York, in transport from the West to the East, but when this canal is constructed a route will then be opened which will admit of *through transport* without transshipment, between the great commercial emporium and the lakes, and such a route will inevitably take the lead of all existing or possible communications during the season of inland navigation.

THOMAS C. KEEFER, *Civil Engineer*, 1851.

By connecting Lake Champlain with the St. Lawrence, we will not only be able to pour Canada breadstuffs into the heart of best market in America before supplies can come from any other quarter, but also so reduce the cost of transport that our farmers will receive a higher price for all they have to sell.

HON. MR. KILLALY, *Civil Engineer*, 1856.

The absolute necessity for this connecting link in the chain of the immense inland navigation through this Province and the United States, becomes more and more important every succeeding year.

HON. WM. H. MERRITT, W. P. *from a published letter to Hon. Mr. Chabot, Commissioner of Public Works*, 1852.

The construction of this Canal has become a national object. It cannot with safety to the trade, be delayed a single year. Its construction will secure a large revenue for Canada and enable us to further reduce tolls. It was not till 1849, when the Hon. John Young (the projector of the work,) explained it to me, that I became convinced of its necessity; and I respectfully urge it on your attention as Commissioner of Public Works.

JOHN C. JARVIS, *Civil Engineer*, 1855.

This route, from the upper lakes through the St. Lawrence and Lake Champlain, has no equal on the globe. The idea of a vessel of 1,000 tons loading at an inland port and proceeding, without breaking bulk, 2,000 to an ocean port, can no where else be indulged, and I have no hesitation in advising the immediate construction of the proposed canal from the St. Lawrence into Lake Champlain as a work important for the interests of Canada and which cannot fail to yield a large return on the capital invested.