Will you kindly afford me, for the information of the Board, a report on the result of your examination of route and any other information of value you may have in your possession regarding the extension to Lake Nipissing.

Yours, &c.,

## W. H. HOWLAND,

President Board of Trade.

To J. D. EDGAR, Esq.,

President Ontario and Pacific Junction Railway Co.

Reply of the President of the Ontario and Pacific Junction Railway to President of Board of Trade.

TORONTO, 17th December, 1875.

DEAR SIR,—In reply to your letter of yesterday asking information, on behalf of the Board of Trade, as to the proposed Railway extension to the eastern terminus of the Canadian Pacific Railway near Lake Nipissing, I have much pleasure in furnishing you with a general statement of the object, present position, and prospects of that enterprise:

The Ontario and Pacific Junction Railway Company was incorporated by the Dominion Parliament in 1874, with full powers to construct a railway that might connect the proposed Georgian Bay Branch of the Canadian Pacific Railway with the railway system of Ontario. A contract has since been entered into with the Dominion Government by a responsible contractor to build the Georgian Bay Branch Railway, and open it for traffic by the 1st day of January, 1877; and the Canada Central Railway has also received a subsidy from the Dominion Government to construct the connection from the East