

Local Railway Items from Area Papers - St. Lawrence International Rly. Bridge Co.

13/03/1890 Ottawa Citizen St. Lawrence International Rly. &

Yesterday afternoon Sir John MacDonal presented a petition from the Kingston City Council protesting against the proposed legislation to incorporate the St. Lawrence International Railway and Bridge company, so far as constructing a new bridge across the St. Lawrence is concerned. The petition says those who signed it view with alarm the proposal to construct a railway bridge across the River St Lawrence at any point west of Cornwall; that the navigation of the river, especially among the Thousand islands, is at all times difficult, and especially during the night time, and that to require vessels with tow and large propellers heavily-laden to pass through a drawbridge would be dangerous, and if dangers of navigation are increased, so will be the charge for insurance, and any slight increase of the cost of navigation will have a tendency to divert traffic from the St. Lawrence, and thus militate against the trade of Canada. The great expenditure now being incurred to deepen and improve the navigation of the St. Lawrence would be to a great extent neutralized by any impediment of navigation. The petitioners show that the new vessels now being constructed for the trade of the lakes and the River St. Lawrence are of large size, and the difficulties of navigating them through a drawbridge, especially at night, would be very great. The abutments of a bridge change the current of the river, and increase the difficulties for rafts, tows and large propellers. The petitioners, therefore, pray that no charter be granted by the House for the construction of any bridge across the River St. Lawrence at any point west of Cornwall.

27/03/1890 Brockville Recorder St. Lawrence International Rly. & St. Lawrence International R

Charter to Construct Railway Bridge at Gananoque Thrown Out

Railway Committee Decides that no More Charters will Granted for Bridging the St Lawrence

The article describes the defeat of a bill to incorporate the St Lawrence International Railway and Bridge Co. It also mentions that the bills of the Thousand Island Bridge and Railway Company, and Napanee, Tamworth and Quebec Railway Company to build bridges over the same place, were also thrown out for the same reason, they would interfere with navigation.

Note - this virtually leaves Brockville with the only charter for a railway bridge across the St Lawrence in this section, a fact which is likely to have much weight in securing the assistance of English capital. The decision of the House was last week cabled to Messrs Hervey and Cole now in London.

06/02/1896 Kemptville Advance St. Lawrence International Rly. &

In the United States House of Representatives on Friday a bill was passed to extend the time in which the St. Lawrence railway can bridge the St. Lawrence river.