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GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY

The Portland Advertiser learns that the Grand Trunk Railway has been redistricted. One district comprises the line from Portland to Montreal under the charge of S. T. Corser, Esq. In the military style, his headquarters will be Island Pond for the present. The Company has also secured the 100 freight cars in possession of the Portland Company, which were built for the road, but were not delivered, in consequence of the troubles that occurred last year. The shipping lists states that the road obtains \$2.20 per barrel on freight, now, against 70¢ a year ago.

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The Advertiser learns that in order to facilitate the transportation of merchandise from the West to Portland via Grand Trunk and Great Western Railways, that arrangements have been made between these roads by which the engines and cars of Great Western are to run when necessary to our port directly without change, which practically gives the Grand Trunk the benefit of rolling stock of the Great Western road.

Page 2 excerpt from Governor Washburn's letter

"An enemy in possession of Portland would find it to be the terminus of the longest line of railroad in the world. The Grand Trunk Railway of Canada embraces a line of 1131 miles of which 1096 miles are in actual operation.

It extends from the Atlantic Ocean at Portland to Lake Huron, a distance of 794 miles, with a branch to Quebec of 96 miles.

This line has the capacity to move 10000 troops between Portland and Quebec or Toronto and Detroit in a single day.