

line running into and through the said Town, and entered into *contracts for the grading and building of the same*. Subsequently, during the year 1852, the Company having adopted Collingwood for the Northern terminus of their Road, they determined to divert the main line from the Town, and stopped any further work being performed under the contracts entered into by them for grading and building the same within the Town.

Upon hearing that the works were so stopped, and that the main line was about being changed, a *public meeting* of the inhabitants of the said Town was called to consider the subject; and at this meeting a resolution was adopted appointing a deputation to wait upon the then Directors of the Company, with the view of remonstrating with them for attempting to divert the main line from running through Barrie.

According to the instructions of the said meeting, the deputation visited Toronto in January, 1853; and in the interview had between them and the Directors of the said Company, it was alleged that to take the main line through the Town would cost about ten thousand pounds more than a branch line into the Town. And it was, therefore, verbally agreed, and a direct pledge was given by the Directors that, in consideration of the Town of Barrie *foregoing any claim, or any attempt through Parliament or otherwise*, to have the main line carried through the Town, the Company would, in lieu thereof, lay down, at their own cost and charges, a Branch Road or Railway from the main line into Barrie, and build a first-class Station, with other necessary buildings for a depot at the terminus of the branch in Barrie, such as would secure to the Town of Barrie all the *advantages of the main line*, with the exception of running Express Trains—upon condition, however, that the Town of Barrie should grant the right of way free of cost to the Company.

Accordingly, on the 27th of January, 1853, the Company passed a resolution for the construction of the branch line, provided suitable land and water frontage for a terminus, with

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