

The country between the streams is either of a very even, or slightly rolling character, so that the work incurred in crossing the gullies is compensated for by long stretches of very favorable country.

After crossing the Rouge between the Villages of Markham and Sparta, we pass to the South-West through the Township of Scarboro, and no gully or obstruction occurs until crossing the East branch of the Don, in the Township of York. By bearing more directly to the South on entering the Township of Scarboro, we can pass to the West of the East branch, enter Toronto parallel with the Grand Trunk. This Line would also run for some distance parallel and close to the Toronto and Nipissing Railway, and would slightly lengthen the line.

The difficulty of finding a proper entrance into Toronto, when confined to a point already crowded with the different tracks, can be easily understood. The Esplanade, at present occupied by the Grand Trunk and Nipissing Railways, unless widened, will hardly admit of another line.

An entrance on Palace Street would be most favorable for our purpose. If the permission of the City could be obtained there will be no trouble either in securing an eastern entrance, or in connecting with the Western lines.

In the event of any trouble arising in securing this point for our eastern entrance, an examination was made with a view to securing a terminus in the western part of the City, which resulted in my abandoning the idea of coming in from that quarter, as the valley of the Don and its branches in the neighbourhood of Thornhill are to all intents and purposes impracticable. And the best route I could find, where all are difficult, was by crossing the Don north of St. James's Cemetery, and utilizing the gully passing in rear of Yorkville, follow it to its upper extremity, when, bearing to the south-west, pass through the unoccupied lots in the rear of the western part of the City, and striking the small gully running south past Trinity College and Wallis's Brewery to the Lake, we obtain a favorable junction with the Great Western and other lines.