

HAMILTON AND PORT DOVER RAILWAY.

To the Municipality and Citizens of Hamilton, and the Inhabitants of the localities interested in the construction of the above line of Railway.

GENTLEMEN—

The Directors of the Hamilton and Port Dover Railway Company, being desirous of securing your individual, as well as corporate aid, in the construction of this undertaking, beg to lay before you such information as they possess, in order to show the importance of an immediate commencement, and vigorous prosecution of the work. The subject of a South-Western Railway, to open up a communication between the head waters of Lake Ontario at Hamilton, and the extensive and populous country lying South-West of us, as well as to obtain the shortest and best connexion, by railway, between these two great lakes, Ontario and Erie, has of late excited so much attention and been so fully discussed by the press, that the Directors of this Company deem it unnecessary to enter at great length into the merits of their Line. In this City in particular, where the question has perhaps been more fully canvassed than elsewhere, the conviction has gradually spread itself amongst our merchants, mechanics, landed proprietors, and indeed amongst all classes, that the time has arrived when the work should be commenced. The unanimity and enthusiasm with which the Council voted the credit of this City, for the sum of £50,000, the Directors of the Hamilton and Port Dover Railway Company, believe to be only fair evidence of the general desire and feeling of our Citizens.

For the information of such as have not given the matter their serious consideration, the Directors beg to state a few of the reasons, upon which they base their claims for the general support of the public of this City, and on the proposed route of the line.

In the first place they would state, that the present Company was incorporated by an Act of the Legislature, passed in 1853,