

In the route for the Toronto and Owen Sound Central Railway, Mr. Tully had a very much more favorable tract of country before him for railway construction than Mr. Fleming found in those portions of Grey and Bruce, which he was called upon to explore and report upon.

From Toronto to the foot of the Caledon Hills, a distance of 30 miles, he found a level, and in every other respect favourable, country as he could possibly wish to see; and having passed the hilly region in the Township of Caledon to the valley north of Orangeville, his course through the Townships of Mono and Amaranth to the southerly boundary of the County of Grey was free from engineering difficulties.

Rising in gentle acclivities from the valley of the river Credit north of Orangeville through these townships, Mr. Tully's line enters upon the table lands of the townships of Melancthon, Proton and Artemesia in the County of Grey, and continues thence in the immediate vicinity of the Toronto and Sydenham road to Owen Sound. Distance from Toronto computed at 108 miles.

Within the last two years I believe a charter has been granted authorising the construction of a branch from the "Northern Railway" at Angus Station, seventy-four miles from the city, and twenty-two miles south east of Collingwood harbour, and I believe that power was granted the Ontario, Simcoe and Huron Railway Company (the Northern) to extend their line from Collingwood to the town of Owen Sound, along or near the shore of the bay, through the townships of Collingwood, St. Vincent and Sydenham. Distance approximately forty-three miles.

It thus appears that three different projects have been started for the ostensible purpose of affording the Counties of Grey and Bruce Railway communication with Lake Ontario at Toronto, I think it very questionable however whether more than one of these is entitled to the distinction and merit of seeking only the accomplishment that object.

Before entering upon a comparison of the terminal, linear and local characteristics of these several railway routes a rough descriptive sketch of the country will not be out of place.

From the shore of Lake Huron along the coast of the County of Bruce the country as you proceed eastward rises with many but not abrupt undu-