

Mr. HARRIS: That construction would apply for the other idea you had in mind?

Mr. HENRY: Oh yes. This construction consisted of standard grading, structures, etc. 80-pound rails, but no overhead and no electrical work. From the western limits of Whitby to Pickering, a distance of five miles, the grading and structures were constructed, but no track laid. From Pickering to Kingston Road—that is from Cherrywood to the old Grand Trunk—to the Kingston Road crossing, at the Scarbero Golf Club, a distance of 10.7 miles, between 40 per cent and 45 per cent of the right of way has been purchased, but no construction work done. Now, the question which faced the present management upon the acquisition of the Grand Trunk Railway System was that the Government found itself in control of three lines of railway in this district, namely the double-track line of the old Grand Trunk, the partly constructed line of the Toronto Eastern, and the line of the Canadian Northern running roughly parallel to the shore of Lake Ontario, and about six miles from it. It is proposed now that the portion of the old Canadian Northern from Cherrywood to Orono be abandoned, and a connection be made. There are two alternatives there under consideration, one is a connection between Cherrywood and Pickering—

Hon. Mr. GRAHAM: How far is that?

Mr. HENRY: It is approximately four miles—no, 3½ miles. Then the electrification of the old Canadian Northern Railway between Cherrywood and the Don. That is one.

Mr. HARRIS: When you say the Don, you meant the Don Station?

Mr. HENRY: Yes. (To Mr. Brown). What is the name of that station there?

Mr. BROWN: Queen Street.

Mr. HARRIS: Riverdale.

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Mr. HARRIS: I am sorry, Mr. Henry, I am not clear on that. You say "Riverdale"? How will you get to Riverdale?

Mr. HENRY: By following the line of the old—no, it is not Riverdale. That is on the other line. (To Mr. Brown). What is the other Canadian Northern Station there—it is really Queen Street—

Mr. HARRIS: The Don Station at Queen Street.

Mr. HENRY: It was contemplated making a stop at Bloor Street and at Queen.

Hon. Mr. GRAHAM: Did this Toronto Eastern come over to the Canadian Government with the Canadian Northern System?

Mr. HENRY: No, it did not.

Hon. Mr. GRAHAM: How did you get it then?

Mr. HENRY: This company did not form one of the constituent companies of the Canadian Northern System when it was taken over by the Government, but was acquired by the Canadian Northern under authority of Order-in-Council 2331, on September 23rd, 1918. The stock of the Toronto Eastern was transferred to the Canadian Northern Railway on September 27th, 1918. By this means the control passed to the Canadian Northern and the Dominion Government.

Mr. JELLIFF: How many railway lines have you there?

Mr. HENRY: There are at present three.

Mr. JELLIFF: You have the Grand Trunk, with two tracks—

Mr. HENRY: The Toronto Eastern and the old Canadian Northern.