

" I have reason to believe that this statement has been set afloat by parties connected with a short road running from a small town a few miles east of this, the owners of which have been making great exertions to divert trade which now finds its way to Toronto to another point. I may take this opportunity of confirming what was stated by Mr. Leys, Solicitor for the Company, at Ottawa last week—that on Toronto granting a bonus of \$300,000, and some of the other municipalities who have already voted over \$800,000 modifying some of the conditions contained in their by-laws, we will be prepared to go on at once to build the road, to finish it with all speed, and run it as an independent line free from the control of any other Company. I am, &c.,

" W. GOODERHAM, JUN.

" November 30, 1880."

Upon which the *Globe* made the following editorial remarks :

MR. GOODERHAM'S DENIAL.

" We publish to day a letter from Mr. Gooderham which should set at rest the rumor that he purchased the charter of the Toronto and Ottawa Railway with Grand Trunk money and on Grand Trunk account. As he appears to be acting on behalf of an independent company, including important members of his wealthy family connection, there is no reason to suppose that his promise to keep the line independent is not made in good faith. The citizens of Toronto, who will be asked to aid the enterprise, have now as good a guarantee as can be given that the road will not pass under Grand Trunk control. The proprietors of the charter intend to keep the line independent, and it appears to us that to do so will be to consult their own interest. Toronto will gain a competing line to the east by subsidizing Mr. Gooderham's Company, and there are many reasons why the necessary money should be voted by the people."

In the Ottawa correspondence of the *Daily Globe* of December 29th last appeared the following, which speaks for itself :

" The voting on the Toronto and Ottawa Railway bonus takes place here on Thursday. The agitation in favor of the by-law appears to have been characterized by hard work and close personal canvass rather than by public meetings and loud talk. So as to meet the cry that the Grand Trunk Railway Company are secretly backing the Toronto and Ottawa Railway Company, Mr. Gooderham, Jun., has written a letter to Mr. John Leys, in which he denies that he is interested in any way in the Grand Trunk, or that the Grand Trunk has any interest in the Toronto and Ottawa Railway Company. The letter is to-day published for the first time, and will be found interesting to Torontonians as well as Ottawaites. It reads as follows :"

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