

The Quebec and Ontario Railway.

The large and influential meeting held at the Court House on Tuesday night, to hear explanations from Mr. Fowler in reference to the construction of the Quebec and Ontario Railway, is the best possible evidence of the deep interest which the business men of Guelph take in the scheme.

In these days of almost incessant railway agitation—some of it of a very visionary description—it is worth something to have an enterprise of this kind brought forward, not only large in its dimensions, but thoroughly practical in its character, and involving as it does the development of trade through a large portion of the Province hitherto almost entirely neglected.

We need not go over the ground covered by Mr. Fowler's speech, a report of which appears in another column; but for the better understanding of the scheme, we will briefly sketch the proposed route. The line of the Ontario and Quebec Railway proper is to start from Ottawa, but in reality, it is merely a continuation of the Northern Colonization Railway, which is now under construction from Montreal to Ottawa;

This again connects with the North Shore Railway, now being built between Montreal and Quebec. These two roads have been heavily subsidised by the Quebec Government, and by the cities of Montreal and Quebec, and their early completion is now placed beyond all doubt.

There will therefore be a continuous line of railway from the two great commercial cities on the St. Lawrence to the capital of the Dominion, the chief commercial city on the Ottawa River. The Quebec and Ontario Railway, starting from Ottawa, will run on the track of what is at present known as the Canada Central, part of which is finished and trains are running on it from Ottawa city to Carleton Place.

From Carleton Place it pursues its way westward through the new Township of Nepean, Goulbourn, Beckwith, Dalhousie, Oss, Kalada, Elzevir, &c., and through the rear parts of Madoc, Marmora, Asphodel, Douyo, &c., till it reaches the town of Peterboro.

From thence it goes straight to Uxbridge, thence to Newmarket, thence through King, Tecumseh, Adjala and Caledon to Orangeville. Following the line of the Narrow Gauge from that village to Arthur village, it thence runs through parts of Peel and Maryboro—passing the village of Rothsay—touches Minto, cuts through a corner of Wallace, crosses the W. C. & B. Railway a little south of Palmerston, and pursues a north westerly course through the Townships of Grey and Morris direct to Goderich, the western terminus of the road.

The line as projected has very few deviations; it is almost straight from Goderich to Ottawa, making the distance between those two points 40 miles shorter than by the Grand Trunk, and 100 miles shorter between Montreal and Goderich than by the latter road.

According to the report of the engineer, Mr. Keefer, who surveyed the line, the route is as nearly level as it is possible for a route to be. The streams to be crossed are comparatively insignificant, and he adds that it would be difficult to find a more favourable country for a line of railway.

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INSULT.—The Guelph Mercury comes to hand, directed to the 'Eggspositor.' Now that's enough. We are ready to admit that we are not just what we should be.

The Collingwood Bulletin expresses an editorial opinion that canvassing electors for votes is a mean thing, although it has to be done as things are now, and wishes there was a law against it.

The little Evening Recorder, of Brockville, has enlarged already, from sixteen to twenty columns, and though its only a few weeks since it began publication.

Private information from the County of Simcoe represents that Saunders, the Reform candidate, is almost certain to be elected by a good majority over D'Arcy Boulton.

The Reform banquet is fixed to come off at the Music Hall, Ottawa, on the 8th of January. It is calculated that five hundred persons will be present.

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Y. M. C. A. The Bazaar for the Building Fund of the Young Men's Christian Association will be held in the Town Hall, Tuesday and Wednesday the 23rd and 24th inst.,

INSOLVENT ACT OF 1865. In the matter of HENRY METCALF, of Guelph, Saddler, an Insolvent.

There is no truth whatever in the statement of the Opposition press that Mr. O'Reilly was going to accept the Judgeship of Lanark. He gives a square support to Mr. Mackenzie, and has no intention of going on the shelf.

New Advertisements.

Call and See the Immense Variety of Holiday Presents at Anderson's Bookstore before buying elsewhere. CHRISTMAS PRESENTS AT DAY'S BOOKSTORE. Ladies' Work Boxes, Writing Desks, Ladies' Companions, Card Cases, Jewel Boxes, Building Blocks, Boxes of Cubes, Noah's Arks, Tin Toys, Dolls, Toy Books.



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TUESDAY EVENING, 30th DEC. The following speakers are engaged to deliver addresses:—REV. W. COCHRANE, A.M., Brantford, on "Mantolok," REV. J. F. DICKEY, of Berlin, on "Reminiscences of the Franco Prussian War."

The Sabbath-school Children's Soiree will be held in the same place on the following evening. Friends are cordially invited. A collection will be taken up to defray expenses.

CORDWOOD. Tenders will be received until the 23rd inst., for chopping about 400 cords of Cedar Cordwood, also, Pines, Rails, etc., at the Works, to be hauled out and piled on dry land. Full particulars can be had at my office.

W. D. HEPBURN, Secretary. Guelph, Dec. 17, 73-252d.

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