

RAILWAYS TO THE NORTH-WEST ;

BEING

A LETTER TO THE REEVES, COUNCILLORS AND RATEPAYERS

OF

WELLINGTON, GREY AND BRUCE.

GENTLEMEN :—

A long and exhaustive discussion of the comparative merits of all the various railway routes proposed for the accommodation of your district of country, might be too much of a tax on both your time and your patience to attend to. But there are a few points of first-class importance to which your attention may very briefly be directed, and which ought to be sufficient, if duly considered, to settle the question in your minds. There are three lines before you for approval, viz., the Central, from Toronto to Durham, direct, thence to Owen Sound and some point on Lake Huron ; the Angus and Durham, in connection with the Northern Railway ; and the line running north-west from Guelph. I propose to show why the former two lines, which lead to Toronto only, are to be objected to ; and why the North-western line, which will place you in connection with both Hamilton and Toronto, is by far the best for your interests. The principal objection to the Central Line is the enormous expense—far beyond all that the public seem yet to have been made aware of—that its construction would involve ; and to the Angus and Durham Line, that it is a long