

CANADA NORTH-WEST RAILWAY.

TORONTO, Nov. 28. 1856.

To the President and Provisional Directors :

GENTLEMEN—

In pursuance of your instructions, dated July 23d of the present year, I have now the honour to address to you a preliminary Report on the projected Saugeen Railway.

By the Act of Incorporation passed during the last Session of the Provincial Parliament, this project is intended to be carried out under the name of the "*Canada North-West Railway Company.*"

The third clause of the act empowers the Company to "construct and complete a railway connection between Lake Huron at or near the town of Southampton (or Saugeen) in the County of Bruce, and Lake Ontario at Toronto, with full power to pass over any portion of the Counties of Wellington, Grey and Bruce, to intersect and unite with the Grand Trunk Railway at the Town of Guelph, as provided by the ninth section of the Railway Clauses Consolidation Act, and to construct a Fork or Branch to Owen Sound from any point north of Durham."

Your instructions did not authorize me to incur the expenses incident to an instrumental survey of the country between the proposed termini, and therefore the following observations will not embrace suggestions as to the probable or most suitable line