

they will arrive at the same conclusions that you have, and will follow your example by withdrawing all aid towards the construction of the North West Railway, unless they are certain that the rate-payers are anxious to construct Railways for the benefit of rival cities, to the detriment of Toronto.

### GENERAL REMARKS.

By the third clause of the Act of Incorporation of the "Canada North West Railway Company," the Company is empowered 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." The original intention of the petitioners for the Charter of the North West Railway I am informed, was to connect with the Grand Trunk at some point in the County of Wellington east of Guelph, and by many persons interested it is still thought that this is permitted by the Charter, but the clause above quoted is conclusive on the matter, and it now appears that Guelph is finally determined on as the Southern terminus of the North West Railway. With Guelph as the Terminus who can for one moment suppose that the North West Railway will be a feeder to the Grand Trunk Railway. As it has been stated before, Hamilton will soon be connected by Railway with Guelph, by which means a saving of five miles will be effected—this with other advantages will give Hamilton a decided preference over Toronto of nearly half an hour in running time. The North West Railway will be emphatically a feeder to the Great Western, it cannot be otherwise. Restrictive tariffs, disconnected lines, favoritism, &c., may be faithfully promised to the advocates of the Grand Trunk Railway and the citizens of Toronto—but such methods of