

The north-western or Guelph line would run in the immediate neighborhood of the Garafraxa road to Mount Forest or some point near that town, crossing the Grand River between Elora and Fergus, and would enter the county of Grey near the angle in the south boundary of the township of Normanby, and run thence northward through the townships of Normanby, Bentinck, Sullivan, Elderslie and Arran to Saugeen, the junction of the "branch or fork" to Owen Sound would probably be fixed at some point in the township of Bentinck.

In projecting the route above described, north of Mount Forest at some indefinite distance west of the Garafraxa road and village of Durham, I have assumed from such a general and imperfect view as I could obtain of the country from the heights along that road, and from information obtained in the neighbourhood, that a practicable but comparatively expensive line can there be found.

Following the course of the line upon the map, it will be seen that it must cross the three principal branches and all the tributaries of the Saugeen River, which traverse the townships above named; and in case it should be found necessary, in order to avoid the spurs of the hills which are crossed by the Garafraxa road, to locate west of the middle of the townships upon the alluvial clay lands above described, the streams will be found flowing in channels or beds cut deeply into the soil. Taking these features into account, I think I am justified in describing it as a "comparatively expensive" line for construction.

Its situation along the western border of the county would not, I am confident, satisfy a majority of the people of Grey, and without the support of the whole County, or of at least six-sevenths of the rate-payers, none of these projects have much chance of ever being carried out.

I will assume, in the absence of actual surveys, that Mr. Tully's map measurement for the "Central" line is correct at 108 miles.

It will be seen that the "Central" scheme does not take in the County of Bruce, otherwise than incidentally, or by a branch.