

back country, having a rich virgin soil, greater in extent than the Counties of York, Ontario, Peel, and Simcoe, and in part, at least, far more fertile; it would draw an additional stream of through traffic to the City and its Harbour, and result in even greater advantages to Toronto than have proceeded from the construction of the Northern Railway.

Fully impressed with the belief that the establishment of the proposed avenue of commerce would confer substantial and lasting benefits on the City of Toronto and on the whole extent of country it would intersect and accommodate from Guelph North-Westerly; and convinced that the true and perhaps the only way to bring the undertaking to a successful issue is for the various Municipal bodies interested, to promote its initiation by liberal subscriptions or guarantees; the Provisional Directors, desirous that the matter should be fairly and fully placed before them, have much satisfaction in submitting the Report of the Engineer to their consideration.

The valuable correspondence on the local benefits of Railways, as well as the various articles on the growth and trade of the great North-west in reference to prospective through traffic, to which Mr. Fleming alludes, are so extremely interesting and important that they are given in full in Appendices.

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