

take up this scheme and make a fresh start. There is no doubt but that the prejudices said to be operating against the settlement of the country would be at once removed; that the villages and towns upon the route of the railway would receive a fresh impetus in the march of improvement which could not fail to contribute materially to the advancement of the farming community as well. With the creation of wealth, property and lands of all kinds would increase in value, better houses would be built, and a greater circulation of foreign capital be secured.

THE ORANGEVILLE STATION AND TARIFFS.

Reference has been made here to the station at Orangeville, and the discriminating rates of freight charged against Orangeville. With regard to the station, I am pleased to say that at one time a station did exist there, and a very good one it was. The Company could, however, not prevent the building from catching fire, nor alter the fact that there was no money on hand to replace it after it had been burnt down. It was and is felt that it is a disgrace to have no proper station accommodation at Orangeville, but still means could not be provided. Extreme poverty is the only excuse which we have to offer in regard to this station. So far as freights are concerned, this railway cannot control the Grand Trunk or any other railway so far as the discriminating of rates is concerned. I would like to ask my friend from Orangeville, who raised the objection as to the Company's tariff, and grudged his five cents on his keg of nails, what he has had to pay in former days for the carriage of nails from Toronto, when there was no railway to Orangeville at all?

THE OWEN SOUND STATION.

Whilst on the subject of the Company's shortcomings in regard to station accommodation, I must admit that one Municipality has a claim upon the Company, viz., the town of Owen Sound. That Municipality granted a bonus to the Company to bring the railway up to the centre of the town, and also to build a station. The work was began, but unfortunately the means of the Company ran short, and Owen Sound was left without a station. I feel that even if I have to sell the coat from off my back that Owen Sound must have a proper station built.