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To the Reeves, Councillors, and Ratepayers of the Counties of
Wellington, Grey and Bruce :

GENTLEMEN,—The following remarks, by Mr. John Maclean, of this City, who has given much attention to the controversy which has been going on for some time, on the subject of a railway through the Counties of Wellington, Grey and Bruce, are so appropriate, and contain so much that is deserving the attention of those who are expected, whatever route is selected, to contribute towards its construction, that we have no hesitation in commending them to your earnest attention. We are glad to be in a position to state that such steps are being taken as will, should you, gentlemen, deem the subject of sufficient interest to justify you in extending a bonus to the road, of which we have no doubt, ensure its immediate commencement and early completion. We are satisfied that no intelligent man can doubt that your Counties will be much more benefitted by a railway connecting directly with the two great Provincial railways leading to the United States and to the seaboard, than by any of the other routes that have been suggested. Even the people of Toronto, who are now so anxious to secure your assistance to a line which will make your townships tributary to that City alone, have given evidence in the past that they regard the Guelph route as the most practical in every point of view. The first steps taken towards the survey of that route were taken by gentlemen in Toronto, but that was before the construction of the Harrisburg and Guelph branch of the Great Western. So long as the Guelph route connected only with the Grand Trunk and thence with Toronto alone, they had no difficulty in admitting that it was the route which should be chosen. Their change of opinion is due, not

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