

March 21<sup>st</sup> 1867

"Cheap Rail roads"

By request of the Toronto Board of Trade, a public meeting will be held at F. Chinn's Hall, Stouffville on Wednesday March 27<sup>th</sup> 1867 at the hour of 6 o'clock p.m. for the purpose of taking into consideration the propriety of constructing a Railroad (upon the cheap principle of building railroads) from Toronto, through the Townships of Scarborough, Markham, Whitchurch, &c, to some point on Gull River

The rate payers of the above Townships, and others interested, are most respectfully requested to attend.

April 4<sup>th</sup>

"Railroad Meeting"

- Mr <sup>JA</sup> Songster <sup>of Orbridge</sup> said that should enquire if RR would actually come through the district
- Mr Eakin of Unionville explained that owing to the facilities afforded by narrow gauge railroads for short runs, the principal business points in the various Townships could be touched with but little expense.
- M. H. P. Conroy of Unionville spoke of the immense advantage of the line would confer upon merchants, millers and farmers, in providing for them a market for wheat and other produce at home, as well as in saving of horse flesh in commerce

it from 30 to 40 miles as at present, our roads impassable  
for nearly 6 months of the year.

Mr Lyman Crosby & Mr Wheeler spoke in favor.

Meeky <sup>that they</sup> insisted would do everything in their power to promote  
the enterprise, and that Cancellas of the Townships should  
grant free right of way.

Messrs Leahy, Wheeler, Jones Sylvester & Bugg were  
appointed as a committee, reported \$160,000 as the probable  
amount of traffic the line would receive and behind that  
stock would be taken from the area to the amount of \$15,20,000