

## CITY OF TORONTO AND LAKE

## HURON RAILWAY COMPANY

1845 - 1853

The City of Toronto and Lake Huron Railway Company was incorporated in Upper Canada in 1836. The charter called for the construction of a railroad linking Toronto with Goderich. Very little was done until 1845 when a London Branch of the Company was set up. The London Board of Directors took over the management of financial affairs. The shares of the Company were offered to subscribers, and the whole capital of £ 500,000 (save 2,000 shares reserved for Canada) was taken up within a short time.

Difficulties arose between the London and the Toronto Boards which in 1849 resulted in the re-organization of the Toronto Board. The new company became known as the Toronto, Simcoe and Huron Railway Company, and four years later the London Branch was dissolved.

In 1855 a railroad line was constructed from Toronto to Collingwood. Another series of reorganizations took place in 1888 resulting in the absorption of the railroad into the Grand Trunk System.

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COMPANY

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HISTORY OF THE CITY OF TORONTO

and

LAKE HURON RAILWAY COMPANY

- 1836 Incorporated as the CITY OF TORONTO AND LAKE HURON RAILROAD COMPANY.
- 1845 London Branch of Directors set up as: ONTARIO AND HURON JUNCTION RAILWAY COMPANY.
- 1845 London Branch renamed to: THE CITY OF TORONTO AND LAKE HURON RAILWAY COMPANY.
- 1849 Toronto Branch renamed to: TORONTO, SIMCOE AND HURON RAILWAY COMPANY.
- 1853 London Branch dissolved.
- 1857 Company renamed to: THE ONTARIO, SIMCOE AND HURON RAILWAY COMPANY.
- 1858 Company reorganized and amalgamated as THE NORTHERN RAILWAY COMPANY.
- 1875 Company reorganized and amalgamated as: NORTHERN AND NORTH-WESTERN RAILWAY COMPANY.
- 1888 Company amalgamated with the GRAND TRUNK COMPANY.
- 1923 Amalgamated with the CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS.

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RAILWAY COMPANY  
NOMINAL LIST  
of  
CORRESPONDENCE  
1845 - 1853

<u>NAMES</u>	<u>DATES</u>	<u>PAGES</u>	<u>SUBJECTS</u>
Alstone, Wm.	1845 (?)	137-138	Application for employment.
Anderson, James	22 Aug.-1 Sept. 1845	189-190	Copies of correspondence relating and advertising.
Barker, H.B. Raymond	15 Jan. 1846	347-349	Payment for stock.
Barratt, Edward	8 Sept. 1845 London, Eng.	211-213	Requests settlement of account.
Barratt, Edward	12 Sept. 1845	214	Further inquiry about payment of account.
Barratt, Edward	18 Sept. 1845	217	Demands settlement of claim.
Bloxam, A.B.	N.D.	139-141	Speculation in railway stock.
Bosanquet, J.W.	25 Feb. 1847 London, Eng.	499-504	Encloses letter from Geo. Harris and his reply.
Brandon, Gabriel, J.	5 Dec. 1845	264-265	Requests delivery of script.
Brown, Wm.	20 Aug. 1845 Leeds, Eng.	185-186	Solicits brokerage business.
Bryant, S.	7 July 1846	409-412	Stocks.
Bryant, S.	30 Sept. 1846	465-467	Company business; Encloses letter from J. Sabterton of 13 Aug., 1846.
Bryant, S.	17 Apr. 1849	556-557	Request for stock certificates.

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Charles S. Kipper & East	21 Jan. 1846	354-355	Price quotation for steel die.
City of Toronto and Lake Huron Railway Co.	N. D.	1-36	Deed of settlement.
City of Toronto and Lake Huron Railway Co.	1846-1848	37-110	Minutes of Meetings of Directors Toronto Board.
City of Toronto and Lake Huron Railway Co.	1852-1853	111-136	Minutes of Meetings of Directors London Board.
City of Toronto and Lake Huron Railway Co.	1845-1853	137-569	Correspondence.
City of Toronto and Lake Huron Railway	1845-1853	570-593	Certificates of Registration Notices to file returns.
City of Toronto and Lake Huron Railway	1847-1852	594-627	Notices of intent- ions to seek re- election as directors.
City of Toronto and Lake Huron Railway	1848-1852	628-635	Schedule of Director's Attendance.
City of Toronto and Lake Huron Railway	1845-1846	636-689	Allotment of stock (Nominal list) Registration & Transfer of stocks.
City of Toronto and Lake Huron Railway	1845-1847	690-1295	Applications for shares.

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City of Toronto & Lake Huron Railway	1845-1853	1296-1649	Vouchers, Petty Cash.
City of Toronto & Lake Huron Railway Co.	1845-1846	1650-1667	Newspaper clippings.
Colonial Gazette ✓	9 Dec. 1845	319-320	Advertisement.
Colonial Office ✓	25 Sept. 1846	462-464	Acknowledges receipt of the Toronto and Lake Huron Railway Act.
Colonial Office (B. Hawes)	24 Nov. 1846	474-488	Confirms Royal Assent to Bill incorporat- ing the City of Toronto & Lake Huron Railway, and trans- mits copy of Report of the Executive Council of Canada.
Colonial Office (Wm. P. Higgins)	19 Feb. 1849	553-555	Tells of printing the report of railway survey from Halifax to Quebec.
DuJougand, Alcide	25 Jan. 1846	359-361	Inquiry about vacancy on the railroad.
Ewart, John	1 Aug. 1845 Toronto	163-168	Practicality of railway routes.
Freshfield, James	26 Jan. 1849	542-544	Legal opinion upon death of a director.
Freshfield, James	6 Feb. 1849	545-548	Legal opinion on electing a director in place of J. Easthope, deceased.
Freshfield, James	21 Jan. 1853 London, Eng.	565-567	Outlines procedure of a dissolution of the company.

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Freshfield, James	9 March 1853	568-569	Recommends Meeting of directors.
Freshfield, James W.	18 Mar. 1847	505-507	Advises against the union of the two companies.
Freshfield, J.C. & H.	1 July 1846	400-408	Encloses account of legal fees.
Foxley, James	24 June 1848	538-541	Inquires about emigrating to Canada
Galt, A.T.	21 Aug. 1845 London, Eng.	187-188	Letter of introduction for Mr. Browne
Graham, (Major)	9 Aug. 1849	558-559	Value of stock of the late Lt. Col, C.F. Head.
Gray, James	6 March 1846	385-386	Stock Transfer
Great Western Rail- way Company.	4-11 Oct. 1845	219-224	Meeting of delegates with deputation of the City of Toronto & Lake Huron Ry.
Great Western, Brentford & Central Terminus Jnc. Ray.	N.D.	142-145	Receipt of furniture articles from the City of Toronto & Lake Huron Ry. Papers
Greene, Murdock	1 Aug. 1845 Dublin	146-162	Requests payment of account - Encloses account.
Greene, Murdock	17 Nov. 1845 Dublin, Ireland	238-239	Encloses account for £ 30 (missing)
Greene, Wm. H.	15 Jan. 1847	493-496	Emigration to Canada
Greene, Wm. H.	21 Mar. 1847 Kilkenny	508-511	Irish emigration

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Greene, Wm. H.	19 Jan.1848	535-537	Canadian Government to assist the City of Toronto and Lake Huron Railway.
Gwynne, John W.	20 Nov.1845 London, Eng.	240-243	Requests payment for his services to the company.
Gwynne, John W.	24 Nov.1845	260-263	Presses his claim for compensation.
Gwynne, John W.	10 Dec.1845 London, Eng.	321-322	Power of Attorney for Wm. Sim.
Gwynne, John W.	23 July,1846	420-427	Allegations that formation of the company was "a bubble scheme". (2 letters)
Gwynne, John W.	12 Sept.1846 Toronto	448-461	Further about differences between the Toronto and London branches of the company. (2 letters)
Gwynne, John W.	16 Nov. 1846	468-473	Requests letter be submitted to the Board; Enclosure: letter of same date.
Gzowski, C.S.	5 Aug. 1845 Toronto	169-183	Certification of report on a railway route from Toronto to Port Sarnia.
Head, C.F.	1 Sept. 1845	194-195	Promise of co-operation.
Heygate, Mrs. E.A.	6 Jan. 1846	331-333	Power of Attorney to Messrs. Smith, Payne and Smith.

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Huron District, U.C.	8 October 1845 Delegation of Inhabitants of,	225-230	Guelph - Brantford - to-Goderich route.
Jones, Richard	13 Feb 1849 Shrewsbury	549-552	Request for employment.
Karl, Wm.	14 Aug. 1845 Harpenden	184 - A	Requests a prospectus of the company.
Kilbee, R.S.G.	13 July 1852 Cheltenham, Eng.	560-564	Request for maps of Canada between Toronto and Lake Huron. Also note of 10 July, 1852.
Lucas, S.W.	6 Jan. 1846 Birmingham, Eng.	334-335	Arrangement to sign the Deed of Settlement
McDonald, John	5 Aug. 1845	169-183	Report on route from Port Sarnia to Toronto.
Mengers, Isidor	25 Feb. 1846	383-384	Stock Transaction.
Molineux, G.	7 May 1846	397-399	Notice of money due to A. Humphrys, Esq.
O'Brien, Edward G.	22 Feb 1847 Toronto	497-498	Encloses general statement of railroad interests.
O'Brien, Edward G.	23 March 1847	512-516	Refers to the applic- ation of the Great Western Railroad Co. (Copy enclosed)
O'Brien, Edward G.	22 April 1847 Toronto	517	Draws attention to a plan to construct a road.
Parratt, Edward	3 Sept. 1845 London, Eng.	207-210	Withdraws discount on advertising.

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Pringle, James	1 Sept. 1845 15 Oct. 1847 Edinburgh	196-206	Brokerage business; encloses application for shares.
Rose, W.J.	8 Dec. 1845 London, Eng.	315-318	Directorship for Lt.Col. Chas. Head.
Rose, W.J.	13 Dec. 1845	323-325	Advertising
Sim, Wm.	18 Sept. 1845 London, Eng.	215-216	Request Power of Attorney of Mr. Widder
Sim, Wm.	15 Oct. 1845 London, Eng.	231-234	Submits account of changes.
Sim, Wm.	14 Nov. 1845 London, Eng.	235-237	Company business.
Sim, Wm.	5 Dec. 1845	266-314	Requests settlement of solicitor's fees. Account enclosed.
Sim, Wm.	5 Jan. 1846	329-330	Requests authentic list
Sims, Wm.	9 July 1846	417-419	Registration and transfer of stock.
Sim, Wm.	19 Jan. 1846	350-353	Stocks.
Sim, Wm.	22 Jan. 1846	356-558	Forwards account for £ 133,5.6.
Sim, Wm.	6 Feb. 1846	372-378	Error in account.
Sim, Wm.	20 March 1846	387-390	Explanation of items in account.
Sim, Wm.	27 Apr. 1846	394-396	Payment of account.
Sim, Wm.	8 July, 1846	413-416	Company business.
Sim, Wm.	14-20 Oct. 1847	522-528	Encloses copies of letters from John Pringle with claims against the Company.

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Sim, Wm.	12-13 Jan. 1848	529-534	Was subpoenaed in <u>Wm. Killick vs. James Lloyd</u> ; encloses copy of letter from S.M. Cooper re: Deed of Settlement.
Smith, W.T.	1 Jan. 1846	326-328	Requests payment of remuneration for services.
Smith, W.T.	28 July 1846	441-442	Explains reasons for his resignation.
Smith, W.T.	31 July 1846	443-445	Suggests retention of S.H. Hunt as clerk.
Smith, W.T.	14 Jan. 1847	489-492	Resignation as Secretary of the Co.
Valentine, J.	25 Aug. 1845 Kilkenny	191	Requests payment.
Watts, Charles	2-7 Feb. 1846	362-365	Letters of recommendation from Messrs: George Cox, Morgan H. Lloyd, J. Finder, J. Harrison.
Watts, Charles	10 Feb. 1846	379-382	Application for work.
Widder, Fred	29 Aug. 1845 London, Eng.	192-193	Amount of subscribed stock.
Widder, Frederic	21 Sept. 1845 Brighton	218	Appointment date.
Widder, Frederic	22 Nov. 1845 London, Eng.	244-259	Transmits letters with instructions as to the policy of the Co. (27 Sept. 1845 & 27 Oct. 1845.)

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Widder, Frederick	14 Jan. 1846 London, Eng.	336-346	Financial Report; including letters from E.G. O'Brien & John Ewart of Toronto of 6 Dec. 1845 concerning railway routes.
Widder, Frederick	3 Feb. 1846 Toronto	366-371	Cites opinion that Company is illegally constituted.
Widder, Frederick	22 Apr. 1846	391-393	Amalgamation between the Toronto and the London Branches of the Company.
Widder, Frederick	27 July 1846 Toronto	428-440	Transmits copies of correspondence with W.B. Jarvis and John W. Gwynne concerning allegation of "bubble scheme".
Wilson, W.	26 Aug. 1846	446-447	Qualification for Auditor.
Wreford and Lloyd	8 July 1847	518-521	Requests report on the meeting of Co. (2 letters).